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## CANTON AWAITS REDS' ENTRY

Negotiations For Peaceful  
Turnover Completed

## RIVER BRIDGE BLOWN UP

Thousands of Communist troops, poised at half an hour's bus ride from downtown Canton, were expected to march into the city during the night, according to a United Press telephone report from the surrounded city at 9 p.m. yesterday.

ss. Fat Shan  
Arrives From  
Canton

Shortly after midnight yesterday, the ss. Fat Shan was seen entering the harbour on its arrival from Canton, with load of evacuees from that city.

Up to late last night, the ss. Sing Hing, also expected from Canton, did not yet arrive. The ss. Wing Hing, which was scheduled to leave harbour at 10 p.m. last night for Canton with 100 passengers was still at its place late last night.

All three ships fly the British flag.

Li Tsung-jen  
Expected In  
Chungking

Chungking, October 14. Flag-decked Chungking is awaiting the arrival of Acting President Li Tsung-jen.

Press reports last night said he was in Kweilin, conferring with General Pao Chung-hai before coming on to Chungking. This city is due to resume officially tomorrow the role of China's Nationalist provisional capital—a role it held during the Japanese war.

No foreign diplomats have arrived, but Robert Strong, U.S. Charge d'Affaires, is expected tomorrow from Hong Kong.

## Talks In Taiwan

Lieutenant General Chih Shih-min, Nationalist China's top representative in Japan, returned to Tokyo tonight from a flying visit to Taiwan where he conferred with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Premier Yen Hsi-shan and Governor Chen Cheng on what he described as "plans for expediting trade between Japan and Taiwan," reports United Press from Tokyo.

General Chu said the Generalissimo had left Taiwan and was "somewhere around the front lines" in South China. Premier Yen was still in Taiwan on a mission which took him from Canton aboard the Generalissimo's personal plane.

MOSCOW CHINESE  
GET EXIT VISAS

Moscow, October 14. Cheng Ting, the Kuomintang's Charge d'Affaires here, announced today that 50 members of the Chinese Embassy with their families have received Soviet exit visas and plan to leave next week. Mr. Cheng and his wife will fly to Helsinki and Stockholm on Monday.—United Press.

REDS CAPTURE  
TATENG ISLAND

San Francisco, October 14. Peking Radio reported tonight that Communist troops operating in Fukien Province several days ago captured Tateng Island, between Amoy and Kinmen Islands. "Tateng was captured in an amphibious assault, the Radio said.—Reuter.

## THE WEATHER

Today's Forecast: Moderate N.E. winds, rather gusty in places, cloudy at first, becoming fair later in the day.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 77.0 deg. Fah. Minimum: 70.0 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 52 hours. Total time Jan. 1—1947: 1917.7 mm—77.23 in. Average of 2010.0 mm—79.15 in.

Readings at: 10 a.m. 4 p.m. 10 p.m.

Boro. at sea	1017.7	1015.5	m.h.
Equal	32.05	32.58	inches
Rel. Humidity	69	67	%
Ref. Humidity	64	64	deg. F.
Wind Direction	NNE	NNE	
Wind Force	8	4	knots
Time	51	51	sec.
High	0250	1.5	
Low	1128	2.5	

Sheep's  
Clothing

"Mannequin" with sheep's heads are draped with woolen materials at the "Woman and Beauty" exhibition in the Palais des Glaces, Paris. (AP Photo).

No Short Cut To  
Peace, Lie Warns

Lake Success, October 14. The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, today warned the nations of both the East and the West that there is no short cut to peace. "The United Nations is a slow and often discouraging way to go about the work of building a peaceful world—but there is no short cut," he said, in a United Nations Day message published in the organization's bulletin.

"The problem of international control of atomic energy is a case in point," Mr. Lie wrote. "This is one of the most difficult of all problems the United Nations has to solve because it goes to the heart of ideological and political differences between the East and West."

ss. General  
Gordon Arrives  
In SF

San Francisco, October 14. The United States "mercy ship" General Gordon, first American evacuation liner from Communist Shanghai, steamed into San Francisco today with 1,450 passengers representing 37 nationalities.

Among the passengers were diplomats, businessmen, Jewish refugees and others who had been living in China for years and were suddenly forced to leave.

Mr. Thomas C. Davis, Canadian Ambassador to China, recalled for consultation with his government that he and his staff "were treated as foreign citizens and with diplomatic courtesy" by the Communists.

He had received no complaints from Canadian citizens in China. "They seem to be in no peril," he declared. He refused to comment on his government's standing with the Communists, but said the new rulers appeared to be eager for business with the West.

"You can't expect much recovery there without foreign business," he said. "And the Nationalist blockade has been slowing everything."

Coming Along  
Mr. Charles P. Martin of the Chase Bank said that all banking operations were controlled by the People's Bank of China. "There is considerable more order under the Communists than there was under the Nationalists," he said. "The Communists are field soldiers, not administrators, but they are coming along."

He believed that the future was "darker" for Americans in China. "There is no physical threat, but order is becoming increasingly repressive. The screws are gradually being tightened," Mr. Martin declared.

The refugees included 181 European displaced persons now bound for Canada.—Reuter.

## Terrific Explosions

General Chen Keng's Communist forces were expected to make a triumphal entry early today, adds a later Reuter report. No opposition is likely.

Last night, the city was rocked with a series of terrific explosions as retreating Nationalists carried out demolitions on a wide scale. The explosions continued for several hours at frequent intervals.

One explosion destroyed the middle span of the city's only bridge across the Pearl River. This bridge, which joins the heart of the city with Honan Island, was completed in 1933 and daily carried a large volume of traffic.

Many people are believed to have been killed and injured as a result of the explosion but no casualty lists are available.

The lights in a large part of the city went out immediately after this explosion.

Other explosions occurred in downtown Canton today.

Some of these are believed to have contained stores of ammunition and arms.

Foreigners in Canton, most of whom live on Shameen Island, were safe and well. None had been molested by the Chinese.—United Press and Reuter.

Rajk's Death  
Sentence  
Confirmed

Budapest, October 14. Hungary's Court of Appeal today confirmed the death sentence decreed for László Rajk, former Communist Foreign Minister who was convicted of treason and attempts to overthrow the Government.

The court also confirmed the sentences passed upon five of Rajk's co-defendants—death for two others, life imprisonment for two and a nine-year term for the fifth. The sentences were imposed on September 24 by a Budapest people's court.

Sentenced to die with Rajk are Dr. Tibor Szebenyi, 46, a former member of Parliament who directed the Hungarian Communist Party's cadre system supervising the rank and file members, and his deputy, Andras Szalai, 32.—Associated Press.

DUTCH ASKED TO  
RELEASE BRITON

Batavia, October 14. A British consular aide memoir, requesting the release from gaol of Mr. Carlton Hite, a Singapore shipbroker convicted of gun-running, has been presented to the Dutch authorities here, it was learned officially today.

Mr. Hite, a 39-year-old Englishman, was sentenced in January last to seven years gaol for complicity with three American airmen in a gun-running operation involving a Catalina flying-boat and 40 tons of machine-guns and ammunition.

The Americans were granted a "clemency release" last month after a strong request from the American Consul-General.—Reuter.

General Hua Cheng-chung, who defected from the Nationalist army, who will be in charge of the Red troops in the takeover, had already reached Huangchong, three miles from Canton.

Five advance units of political workers have virtually completed negotiations for a peaceful turnover.

Air raid sirens which signalled the approach of Japanese bombers in 1938 will notify the Communists of the "all clear."

The Reds were ready to enter from two directions—from the West and North. One column had reached Sichuan railway station in the Western suburbs of Canton. A second column was reported at Liuchuan, near the white Cloud airport. Another column had reached Shao, in the suburbs.

The Nationalist withdrawal was to be completed at 1 a.m. and the Communists were expected to enter the city shortly afterwards. It was reported the negotiations resulted in two conditions:

1. The Reds will not enter until the Nationalists had withdrawn.

2. The police are to maintain order until the last moment.

The retreating Nationalists blew up the bridge across the Pearl River partially severing the supply of electricity. The island of Shameen, on which the remnants of the foreign community live, was without lights.

## Airfield Explosion

"An explosion heard from the airfield was believed to have been caused by Nationalist demolitions. The curfew in the city was advanced to 7 p.m. and the police were still maintaining order under the direction of the Deputy Police Commissioner, Colonel Ho Ming-cheuk, who broadcast, appeals to the populace for order and calmness. The municipal police had been the only peace enforcing force since the gendarmes withdrew at 4 p.m.

Dance halls, theatres, restaurants and most shops were closed. The British river steamer, Fast, arrived from Hong Kong at 10 a.m. anchored in midstream and left two hours later. Another river boat, the Shing Hing, left with a full load of passengers at 2.30 p.m.

More than 300 junk and boats were commandeered by the Nationalists in their withdrawal.

The afternoon trains to Hong Kong were cancelled on account of guerrilla skirmishes along the line. Guerrillas were reported active near the rail town of Sack Tan.

The British Consulate General in Canton told the United Press last night that there was no sign of Communist troops within Canton, although the troops were expected to enter the city during the night of tomorrow morning.

"We are quite happy here," said a Consulate official by telephone at 8.30 p.m.

He said the city was without lights, the Honan bridge had been blown up and the lights went out simultaneously. There were no other inconveniences, however.

The official said the police were still maintaining order in the city but there had been some small scale looting.

Surrounded On  
Three Sides

Communist troops had surrounded Canton on three sides by 4 p.m. yesterday but they made no attempt to enter the city, adds Reuter.

The nearest units were about five miles from the heart of the city.

Many retreating Nationalist troops were still in the city, moving South in an attempt to escape by way of the West River.

Canton remained calm, with no disturbances reported. The police were keeping order under direction.

STALIN'S MESSAGE TO  
GERMAN RED REGIME

Berlin, October 14.

Joseph Stalin today told East Germany's new Communist Republic that the Germans and Russians together could keep Europe peaceful by fighting as hard for peace as they fought in war.

Stalin's message of congratulations to East Germany's Communist leaders brought predictions from pro-Soviet sources here that the Soviet bloc would sign peace treaties with the new Red satellite by January.

Plebiscite  
In Taiwan  
Advocated

Manila, October 14.

Dr. Bernabe Africa, Philippine Minister to Tokyo, today advocated the holding of a plebiscite in Taiwan under the auspices of the United Nations to determine whether the Taiwanese want to be an independent nation.

Dr. Africa, who was once an exchange professor at Taihoku Imperial University, told the United Press: "The days when subject peoples are considered attached to the land as chattels are over. People are now considered more important than the land in which they live and it is unfair to transfer them like personal property from one country to another."

Dr. Africa said that although the great majority of Taiwanese are of Chinese ancestry "they have developed a national consciousness" and they should be given the right to self-determination.

He said Taiwanese politically are prepared for self government and their island "is better developed industrially and agriculturally than the mainland of Asia."

The returned minister said he had talks with Taiwanese nationalist leaders in Tokyo but that he had not seen Dr. Thomas Liao, exiled Taiwanese nationalist who arrived in Manila a few days ago to bid for Philippine support of Taiwanese independence aim.—United Press.

Britain Urged  
To Recognise  
Mao's Regime

London, October 14.

The Left-wing "New Statesman" today demanded immediate British recognition of the Communist Chinese People's Republic. It asserted that the fact that America has burnt her fingers in China by intervening on the side of Chiang Kai-shek should not be allowed to prejudice the issue of recognition which is now perplexing the State Department.

Its Far Eastern division seems to have gone to considerable pains to produce a one-sided brief for Mr. Bevin with the object of undermining his intelligent desire to face facts and to recognize the only real government in China. Meanwhile, in London Pandit Nehru advocated recognition, and in Rangoon, the Burmese Government let it be known that it is inclined to the policy.

Neighbours of China, and, more recently, also victims of Western imperialism, they understand the special and nationalistic forces which have led to Communist victories. Delay in recognising Mao's government plays straight into the hands of Communist propagandists throughout Asia. The new Statesman said the issue should not be prejudged by "the fact that America has burnt her fingers in China."—Reuter.

## United Nations Day

Mr. Lie appealed to nations to observe United Nations Day—four years after the United Nations charter became law for the world on October 20, 1945—"in a spirit of sober re-dedication to the main purpose for which the United Nations was created—the prevention of a third world war."

Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines, this year's President of the General Assembly, in his United Nations Day message, also published in the bulletin, said that the record of the United Nations might have been better "if there had been little more goodwill, less suspicion and animosity and more co-operation."

Big Powers, he said, had the strength to make peace—and the means if they should will it. Peace will not fall like manna on the laps of nations.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said: "It has to be tried for, sacrificed for, and defended against its enemies."

The most conspicuous lesson of the past four years, he added, was that mankind could not hope for lasting peace outside the United Nations.—Reuter.

CHIANG RETURNS  
TO TAIWAN

Taipei, Taiwan, October 14.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek returned to Taipei at noon today from Tientsin, after inspecting the island's defenses.

He left Taipei on October 11 quietly after having talked with Premier Yen Hsi-shan for two hours.

Premier Yen is leaving for Chungking tomorrow.—Reuter.

Jules Moch  
Elected  
Premier

Paris, October 14.

France today had a new Prime Minister—56 year old Socialist Jules Moch—elected at dawn by the National Assembly after an arduous and stormy 15 hour session. M. Moch, tenth French Premier since the liberation, polled 311 votes, one more than the minimum majority required.

His election brought to an end a crisis which began on October 6 when the Radical Premier, M. Henri Queuille resigned because of disagreement between the government parties over the objection of wages and prices.

Consultations to form the new government were to begin late this afternoon. Meanwhile, flushed and weary deputies went home to get some rest.

The narrow margin by which M. Moch became Premier—due mainly to Communist opposition—made the prospects of the new government look very uncertain today and political observers believed he would have difficulty in filing all the Cabinet posts.

## Deep Rift

The precarious position of the new premier is revealed by the deep rift between the majority parties—the right-wing Radicals on one hand and the Socialists, partly supported by the Popular Republicans, on the other—over the government's economic policy.

When Speaker Herriot announced the result of the vote, his voice, could scarcely be heard above the Communist deputies' shouts and their banging of seats and desks.

So great was the din that M. Herriot suspended the sitting and ordered the clearing of the press and public galleries. The coalition deputies cheered and applauded M. Moch as he left the Chamber, while the Communists counter-chanted.

As M. Herriot angrily stalked from the Chamber he shouted to the Communists: "You are a crowd of hooligans."—Reuter.

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PACIFIC FAR EAST  
LINE SAILINGS

San Francisco, October 14.

The Pacific Far East Line today filed with the Maritime Commission an application for permission to operate between California and ports in Japan, China, Hong Kong, the Philippines, French Indo-China and Siam.

Mr. Thomas E. Cuffe, President of the shipping line, said the application was on the proposed operation on the Orient route with 52 sailings a year by 17 Far East Line ships.—United Press.

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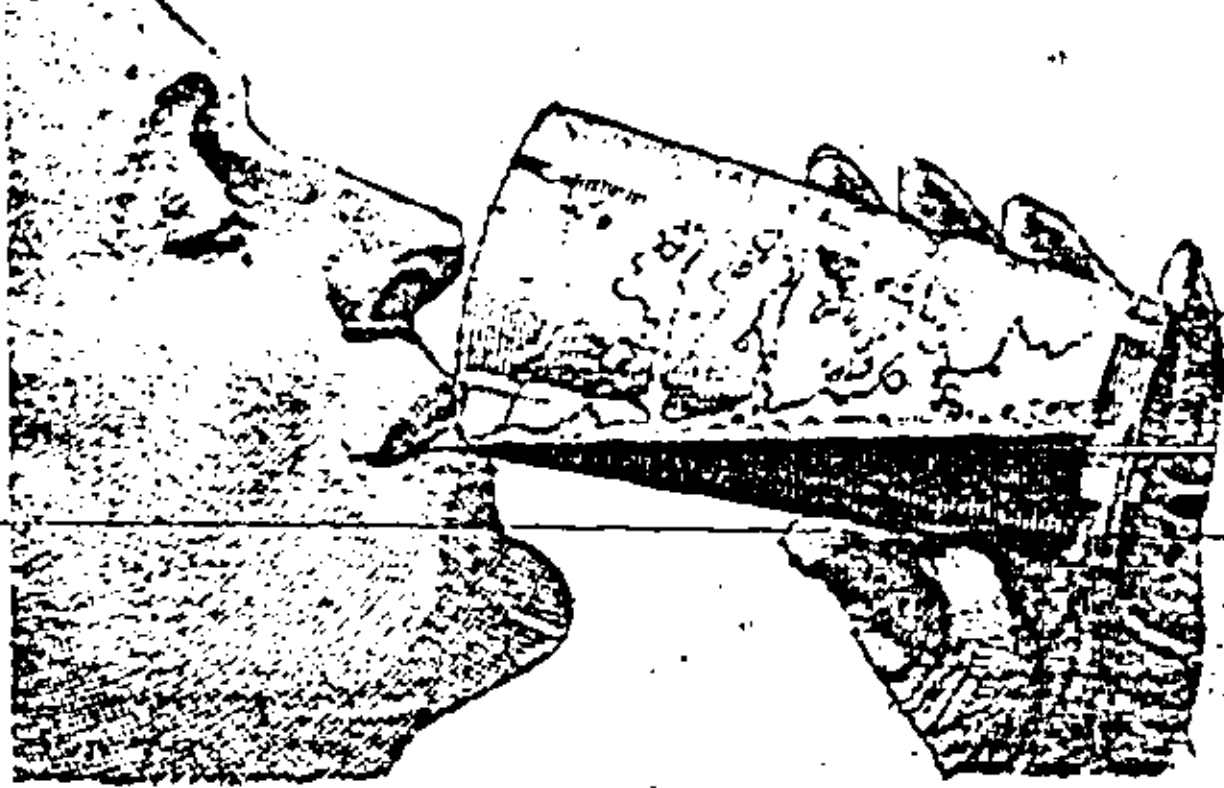
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Beetroots	30 oz Tin 1.35 "
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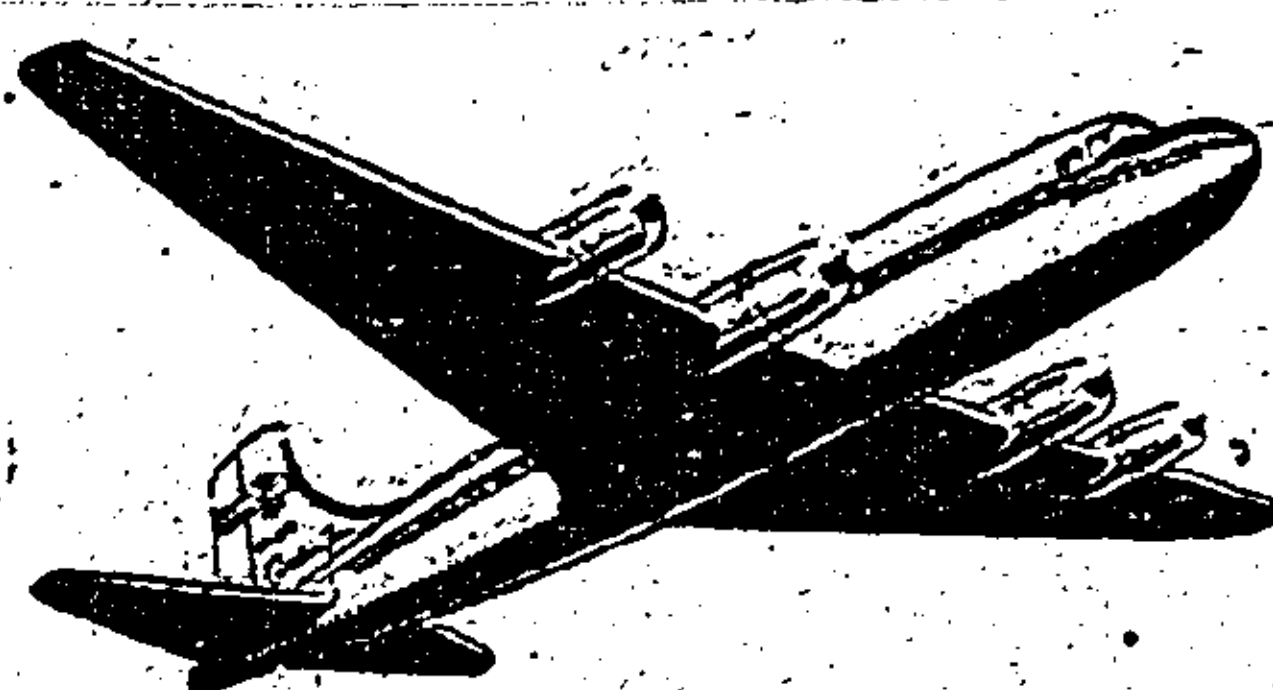
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## Shanghai Theatre Owners Censor Films Themselves

Shanghai, October 4. (Delayed).

Shanghai theatre managers have to act as their own censors to prevent "poisonous" films from getting to their screens.

This type of censorship stemmed from the recent press campaign against "imperialistic" movies—mainly American. It will be replaced by an outright ban on certain films when the Communist cultural authorities get around to classifying the more than 500 American and British films here.

## HK Delegation To ECAFE

The Hong Kong delegation to the forthcoming fifth session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East will be headed by Mr. R.C. Lee, CBE, as chief delegate, with Mr. Kwok Chan and Mr. I. M. Lightbody as alternate delegates. Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Kwok Chan will accompany their husbands.

The delegation will leave by air on October 17. The conference, in Singapore, will start on October 20 and is expected to last for 10 days.

A wide range of items is listed on the Agenda for the fifth session of this United Nations regional commission, covering such topics as trade promotion, industrial development, cooperation between ECAFE and the Food and Agricultural Organisation, regional statistics and flood control. Hong Kong has been represented on the Commission as an Associate Member since the second session in November, 1947 and two members of the present delegation, Mr. Lee and Mr. Lightbody, attended the last session held in Australia at the end of 1948.

## Chinese Girl Attacked By Snatchers

A young Chinese girl was attacked by two men last night while she was walking along Fuk Wah Street, Kowloon. The girl was approached from behind by the two men, one of whom snatched her handbag and gold chain. When she screamed for help, the girl was stabbed by one of her assailants. She was taken to the Kowloon Hospital in a critical condition. The men then got away.

## HONG KONG REEL CLUB

In conjunction with the Hong Kong Reel Club, the inaugural practice meeting of the Kowloon Club will be held in the Assembly Hall of the King George V School on Monday at 8.30 p.m. The Kowloon Reel Club will be affiliated to the Hong Kong Reel Club, but will have its own President and Committee. However, the Kowloon Reel Club is intended primarily for the convenience of Kowloon residents. The Club is not confined to Scotchmen, but Scottish members are expected to be members of the Hong Kong St. Andrews Society. Pipers of the King's Own Scottish Borders will pipe at the inaugural meeting.

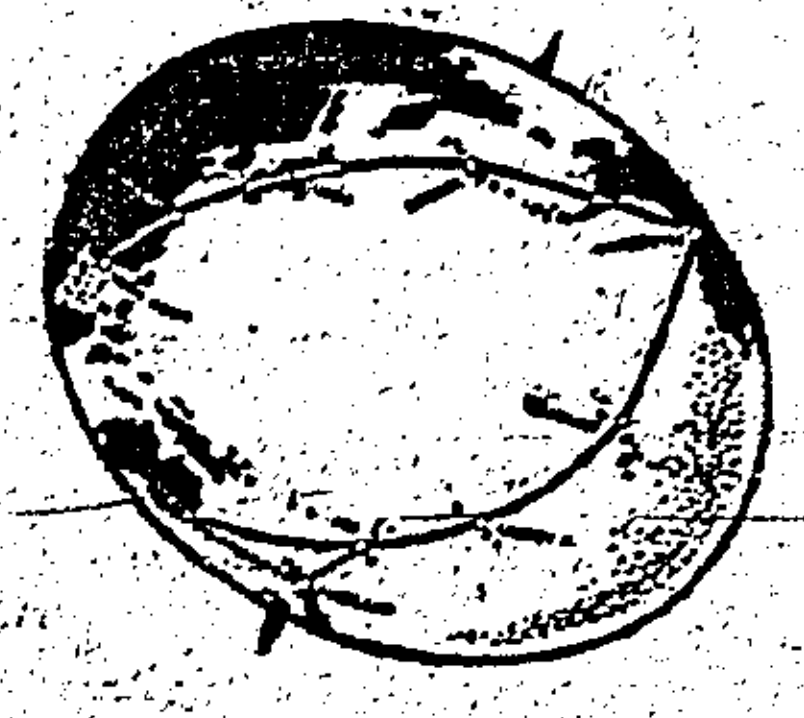
## FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding of Miss Maria Souza, assistant of 180 Nathan Road, top floor, and Miss Delcissima Nereida Baptista, civil servant of 45 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, has been announced.

## FLY TO CANADA

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"Many of these are expected to be placed in the 'immediately banned' category. Others will be 'temporarily banned' until they have been seen by the censors. All others will be permitted to be shown."

A film may be shelved if judged to be propagating imperialistic propaganda, promoting anti-Communism, encouraging crime, spreading racial ideologies and for a host of other reasons. Any objection from the audience can also cause the withdrawal of a film.

Theatre managers have directly withdrawn "Crash Dive," starring Tyrone Power, and "Air Force," featuring John Garfield, which glorify American military might, are now gathering dust in stock rooms.

A Chinese film was banned after a one-day run. It exaggerated the military and naval power of the Kuomintang, the authorities said. The fact that it was a "yellow picture," a Chinese phrase meaning there was too much sex in it.

## Too Much Sex

Another Chinese film, "Give Us Our Liberty," was voluntarily withdrawn because it was classified as a "yellow picture," a Chinese phrase meaning there was too much sex in it.

No British or American picture has been banned up to now. This has been due to careful selection of movie fare by theatre operators. But selecting films that will meet general approval is giving headaches to many a manager.

Even "For Whom the Bell Tolls," ordinarily acceptable because of its anti-Fascist theme, was classed as objectionable by the cultural authorities at an indoctrination meeting for movie-men. They ruled out the film because it gave an "exaggerated idea of American aid to the Spanish civil war and glorified individual heroism to the detriment of the masses."

The "Battle of Russia," Office of War Information booster for the war and made up from Russian news reports, was denied for a line saying that aid from the Western Allies helped the Soviets to stem the German onslaught.

Local theatre men, however, believe that the immediate future of American and British films is not too dark. They say that, firstly, there are insufficient pictures to replace them, and secondly, the Communists are unwilling to close down theatres which ultimately will be customers for Soviet and Chinese productions.

## Soviet Films

It is estimated that there are over 200 Soviet films available. But the fact that they are in Russian, which few Chinese understand, prevents them from being placed on the market immediately. Since the Chinese are busy dubbing, Chinese dialogue to increase their popularity.

Chinese pictures themselves are scarce with several Kuomintang films now classed as unsuitable. The output of new films is low. Shanghai movie industry is practically at a standstill. North China and Manchuria have five studios. They plan 40 pictures a year, which is meagre for Shanghai's 53 theatres.

So it seems Hollywood and J. Arthur Rank will still have a stake in Shanghai for some time to come. The theatres are glad. So are the moviegoers who, at the peak of the press campaign, used to see what they thought of the time were the last American and British films to be shown here.—Associated Press.

## FLAG DAYS

A number of applications by charitable organisations and institutions for permission to hold Flag Days or Flower Days during 1950 have been approved by Government. They are: Aberdeen Industrial School (January); Po Leung Kook (February); Hong Kong Family Welfare Society (March); Salvation Army (April); Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club (May); St. John Ambulance Brigade (June); Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association (July); Precious Blood Hospital & Orphanage (August); Hong Kong & Kowloon Schools for Workers Children (August); Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children (September); Tung Wah Hospital (October); British Legion (Poppy Day) (November); Society of St. Vincent de Paul (December).

## ARTILLERY DUEL NEAR SAIGON

Saligon, October 14. An artillery battle, between Vietminh forces and supporters of Bao Dai head of the new state of Vietnam, raged for an hour last night a few miles from Saigon. Several American stragglers were killed but there were no casualties. The Vietminh reinforcements arrived.

## Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and he is not necessarily agreed with them.

## Medical Service

Sir,—Muen has been written in these columns as to whether or not a physician shall give his patients any prescription, and I would appreciate an opportunity to submit my humble views. One of our correspondents, a physician, has defined "prescription" as a "direction." The very term implies the existence of at least two parties; the one who gives the direction, and the other who is to follow it. If a physician gives a direction to be followed by his patient and then retains it himself, how is the patient to follow it?

The same correspondence has also suggested that a patient, not purchasing a prescription, but a "direction" to be followed by the patient, then does that service. Surely it does not consist entirely of a diagnosis; it must of necessity consist of a prescription based upon such diagnosis. Service without prescription is incomplete. Given to understand that in Hong Kong some doctors do not give their patients a prescription but only the medicine, for which an extra charge is paid. The patient does not know and has no means to know what treatment is given him. In case he should change his physician, the second one would not know what the first one prescribed and would therefore be deprived of the advantage of previous experience with the case.

A prescription, in my opinion, is the best protection for a physician against claims of damages on the ground of negligence. If a physician provides medicine without the corresponding prescription, he is running a dangerous and irresponsible risk. If a patient or ill-disposed person is something upwards should happen to his patient.

In view of the inadequate number of qualified dispensers in Hong Kong, a physician may perhaps maintain a dispensary, but he should give each patient a prescription and the patient may have it filled at his dispenser with a dispenser to be held responsible for filling it. The physician is relieved of any additional responsibility. He will be assured of an extra income. In the circumstances no physician should object to giving each patient a prescription and his professional pride should be in no way hurt thereby.

## AN OUTSIDER

## Moonlight Revelry

Sir,—May I express my thanks and appreciation of the services so generously provided by the Press in advertising our Moonlight Revelry Party and other Club activities throughout the year. Through the courtesy of your columns may I also say "Thank You" to our many friends and supporters without whose close cooperation, ready service and efforts we could not have held Moonlight Revelry at Euclid last Wednesday evening.

A. E. MATTHEWS,  
Chairman,  
Hong Kong Women's International Club.

## Tenders For Jap Reparations Machinery

Mr. J. Hargreaves, Acting Controller of Stores, stated yesterday that sealed tenders in duplicate for the purchase of Japanese reparations machinery will be received at the office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, Lower Albert Road, up to noon next Friday. The lot consists of transformers, switchboards, meters, parts for same and transformer oil. Forms of tender with further particulars may be obtained at the office of the Controller of Stores, Government Stores Department, Electric Road, North Point.

## Murder Trial Continues

The Ticket Scalper murder trial entered its 10th hearing yesterday, with the jury dismissed temporarily for further arguments on the admissibility of certain statements by the accused, which took up the entire day.

The five accused are Chan Yee-chuen, Chan Kam-chuen, Kwong Hung, Lemme Kam and Li Wing. They are standing trial before Mr. Justice Gould, Puisne Judge, and an all make jury. The men are alleged to have attacked and killed Robert Craig Cooper to be Captain, Private Ronald Hugh Kennedy Crithton to be Lieutenant, Private Geoffrey Cadzow Hamilton to be Lieutenant, Private Patrick Noel Slater to be Lieutenant, and Private Terence Dare Sorby to be Lieutenant.

## CAT Pilot Makes Survey Flight Over Canton Area

The last plane from Canton arrived at Kai Tak at 1.55 p.m. yesterday and brought with it a story of the ominous quiet of a city doomed to Communist occupation.

The once busy runway at White Cloud Airfield was completely deserted amid evidence of a hurried, almost panicky, desertion.

At 10 a.m. a CAT plane took off for a survey flight to Canton. This was the plane that returned at 1.55 p.m. Arriving at Canton, the aircraft was about to land on the strip when the drums of ex-

plodes were seen. The pilot turned off his plane and landed on the military field at Tien Ho. The strip at White Cloud will be blown as soon as the Communists reach the city perimeter. Planes were standing by at Tien Ho for the final lift from the city.

Meanwhile Canton city remained quiet and calm, awaiting its fate behind closed doors and deserted streets.

## Chinese General Fined

A Chinese major-general, Chu Yee-tak, aged 42, was fined \$100 by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of possession of a Mauser automatic .32 pistol and 11 rounds of ammunition.

It was stated that on Thursday defendant was an incoming passenger at the Kowloon-Canton Railway station. He had not declared that he had arms and ammunition. The pistol and the 11 rounds of ammunition were found in a handkerchief in defendant's possession.

In Court yesterday, defendant claimed that he was en route to Taiwan, and that he had a Chinese permit for the arms. The pistol and the 11 rounds of ammunition were ordered to be confiscated to the Police Armoury. It was the second case in two days involving a Chinese major-general.

## Imported Gold From Canton

First Chinese refugees from Canton, two of them women, were brought before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of importing gold without a permit.

The gold was ordered to be returned to defendants on paying their fines.

Chan Wai-fu, aged 43, an incoming passenger, was asked at the Kowloon-Canton Railway on Thursday whether he had any gold to declare. Defendant replied in the negative. On being searched, two gold bars weighing about 10 tials were found in his watch pocket. He was fined \$1,700.

A fine of \$100 was imposed on Pang Sze-chin, a woman, for importing about five tials of gold. Defendant was searched, and the two strips of gold were found sewn in each shoe in a suitcase. She told the Court that she did not understand Chinese dialect. When she was asked by revenue officers whether she had any gold, she told the officers that she had no gold on her person, but gold in her bag.

When Lo Shee, a CATC employee, was asked whether he had any gold to declare, he replied that he had one bar weighing about 10 tials. On being searched, another bar and five gold rings weighing about five tials were found in his shirt pockets. He was fined \$500.

Lo Chung-ye, aged 31, was fined \$500 for importing 40 US gold coins weighing approximately 10 tials. The gold was found in a giraffe tied round defendant's waist. For importing approximately eight tials of gold consisting of two bars, six rings, a bracelet, two pendants and a bracelet chain, a married woman, Wong Yuet-chun, was fined \$850 by the magistrate.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES APPOINTMENTS

Mr. E. A. Boyce, Director of Public Works, has been appointed an Official member of the Legislative Council with effect from October 3.

Mr. Owen FitzWilliam Hamilton has been appointed to act as Deputy Director of Civil Aviation and Airport Manager with effect from September 16.

Mr. Maxwell Norman Oxford has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for Hong Kong with effect from October 8.

Promotions in the Hong Kong Defence Force, approved by the Governor, included Private Robert Craig Cooper to be Captain, Private Ronald Hugh Kennedy Crithton to be Lieutenant, Private Geoffrey Cadzow Hamilton to be Lieutenant, Private Patrick Noel Slater to be Lieutenant, and Private Terence Dare Sorby to be Lieutenant.

The name of Dr. Daphne Chen has been added to the Register of Medical and Surgical Practitioners.

Mr. Sydney Ng Quim, solicitor, has been appointed to sit alone as a Temporary Tribunal with effect from October 8.

Other lawyers appointed to sit alone as a Temporary Tribunal include Messrs. David Andrew Leslie Wright, barrister-at-law, Basil Norman Cooper, barrister-at-law, Gerald Nigel Peter John Griffiths, barrister-at-law, and Mr. Charles Yung Chung and Alfred Yung-sun Hon.

## More Squatter Huts To Be Cleared

Clearance of squatter huts from the urban areas is shortly to be resumed.

A notice in the "Government Gazette" yesterday gave Health Inspector, Police and Public Works Department inspectors authority to clear a big area in the Shamshuipo District, Kowloon.

The area is bounded on the North by Boundary Street, on the North-East by Lai-chok Road, on the East by Tong M Road, on the South by Tri-lane Edwards Road, and on the West by the waterfront.

## Personalia

Messrs. T.C. O'Neill, Messrs. G. McDowell, Macleod, and Sister J. Wilson left for London yesterday by BOAC.

Messrs. S. Simons and B. Tocco left Hong Kong for Cairo yesterday by BOAC.

Departures by BOAC yesterday for Bombay included Messrs. W. F. Nightingale and Mangruti Amrit. Mr. An Hain and Mr. Wu Duckling left for Rangoon by BOAC yesterday.

Departures for Bangkok by BOAC yesterday included Messrs. E. Higgins, C.H. Baker, Phillips and Low Wan-ning.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mrs. C.H. Lee, Miss G. Johnson, Miss B. Mitchell, Miss V. Corrington, Messrs. C.L. Liu, J.H. Pomeroy, M.H. Morgan, T.K. Yuen, R.W. Roberts, Y.S. Huang, V.H. Perry, C.G. Rose, H.F. Tchen, R.G. Lewis, and R.G. Fern.

Among the passengers who left by CFA yesterday for Bangkok, Singapore and Rangoon were Mr. T. Hammarstrom, Mr. and Mrs. B. Gidman, Mrs. S. Gurovich, Mr. D.P. Suboff, Mr. Chan On, Miss Lai So-ook, Mrs. Yung Lin-hoi, Mr. Chew Kwai, Mr. C.D. Wong and Mr. Heng Maun.

Those who arrived by CFA yesterday from Manila included Allison I. Walker, Vera E. Modell, Robert Flanagan, Kwan Wing-sun, Kwan Wing-tom and Chan Hon.

## Application For Eviction

Mr. W. H. Latimer, Tenancy Tribunal Magistrate, yesterday reserved his decision on an application for eviction by Li and Pung Limited, of Marina House, against the occupants of 19 Connaught Road Central, first floor.

The applicants, who were represented by Mr. D. L. Wright instructed by Mr. V. H. Chan, claimed that the premises in question were let at \$150 a month to the Far East Shipping Company, T. L. Quong, and the Kin Wah Trading Company. After March 1949, applicants claimed, the first applicant transferred or sub-let the premises without their consent to the other occupants.

The Far East Shipping Company at a previous hearing had submitted that they were not residing the application.

The Kin Wah Trading Company was represented by Mr. S. Ng Quian.

After both sides had delivered their closing addresses, judgment was reserved.

## Registrars Of Persons

A number of persons have been appointed to be Registrars and Assistant Registrars of Persons under the Registration of Persons Ordinance. They are: Registrars: Captain Leonard Mangel, Mr. Chan Tin-cheuk, and Mr. Tsui Kwok-hing. Assistant Registrars: Vincent Lau, Yuen-mui Hsi Chin, Tan Gwong-yeung, Chan Yung-sheng, Choy Ping-tam, Mai Fung-yin, Kwok Wing-kin, O. Yung-yin, George C. Yeh, Too Hung-kong, Pan Shy-chi, Chow Wai-ze, Wu Ting-wei, Francis Y. H. Lee, Li Yuet-lin, Liang Shun-chiang, Kwok Ching-yi, Li Chi-tim, Robert Kwan, George P. C. Yip, Robert Wong, Wong Wing-nin, Lau Ping-tok, Hong Chung-wong, James C. M. Chan, Tam Ming-tai, Jose Emilio Cruz and Lee Chiu-hsuan.

## FALSE ALARM

A fault in the electric burglar alarm system in the Bank of China set off a false alarm yesterday morning, which drew the police to the scene. The cause of the alarm was immediately discovered upon their arrival.



# BRITISH STEAMERS FIRED ON OUTSIDE CANTON

## Price Of Rice

The prices of rice in the free market dropped yesterday morning but increased later in the day.

In the city, it was quoted at HK\$1.20 a catty.

It was officially learned yesterday that Government is determined to prevent the price situation from getting out of hand.

Drastic action will be taken if the tendency to charge excessive prices for foodstuffs continues.

## Reminders

### Today

Kowloon Gramophone Society concert of classical music, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.

China Philatelic Association exhibition, Hotel Cecil.

Exhibition of Rare Books, British Council Library, 10 a.m.

Forces "At Home", St. Andrew's Church, 7.30 p.m.

Kowloon Cricket Club Ladies Committee Dance, 9 p.m.

Colony Swimming Championship Competition, Victoria Recreation Club, 9.30 p.m.

### Coming Events

**TOMORROW**

Too H. Classical Concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Art Club sketching party, members to assemble at Queen's Pier, 2.30 p.m. (details from Mr. Nobbels Tel: 30709)

## Forged Bank Draft

A Chinese woman, Fung Man, aged 42, and her niece, Lo Sheung, aged 21, spinster, were jointly charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with possession of a forged bank draft.

The niece pleaded not guilty to the offence and stated that she did not know the draft was forged. At this stage, the prosecution stated that they offered no evidence against her and Lo was discharged accordingly.

Fung pleaded guilty to the charge, and was bound over by the court in the sum of \$250 to be of good behaviour for a year.

Detective Sub-Inspector J. Martin, prosecuting, stated that on Thursday, both defendants were arrested in the Shing Chau Cafe, Peiho Street. A cheque for \$1,350, purporting to be on the Bank of America, was found in Fung's handbag.

The prosecution went on to say that at this stage, Fung told the police that there was still another cheque on her niece's person. Fung further told the police that she instructed her niece to keep the other draft, and she knew all the time that the two bank drafts were forged.

In passing sentence, Mr. Wicks remarked that the offence could be considered as a slip.

## TRAFALGAR DAY CEREMONY

Trafalgar Day this year will again be marked by the Ceremony of Beating the Retreat at the Hong Kong Cricket Club, which has once more been put at the disposal of the Royal Navy by the kindness of the President and Committee.

The Bands which will take part to be those of HMS Belfast and the 3rd Commando Brigade Royal Marines. A guard will be paraded by the Royal Marines of HMS Belfast.

Detailed arrangements will be published in the Press later.

## FISH PRICES

First fish average prices realized at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday morning were:

Type of Fish	Price	Price
Yellow Croaker	\$2.25	\$2.25
Red Grouper	\$2.25	\$2.25
White Pomfret (large)	\$2.50	\$2.50
Mackerel (large)	\$1.75	\$1.75
Mackerel (small)	\$1.50	\$1.50
Golden Thread	\$1.50	\$1.50
Shrimp Head (small)	\$1.50	\$1.50
Coarse Pike	\$1.25	\$1.25
Red Sea Bream	\$1.25	\$1.25
Red Sea Bream (small)	\$1.00	\$1.00
White Herring	\$0.75	\$0.75
White Croaker	\$1.00	\$1.00
Hair Tail	\$0.75	\$0.75

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Two British river vessels were fired on by a band of unidentified men while bringing boat loads of evacuees from Canton to the Colony between Thursday night and yesterday morning.

Except for a few bullet holes in the ss. Wing Hing, owned by the Ta Hing Shipping Company, the shooting did little damage and no casualty was reported.

Leaving Canton at about 9 p.m. on Thursday night, the first vessel fired on by the armed band was the Butterfield & Swire vessel, ss. Wuseh. The shooting on both occasions took place at Nam Shek Tau, a narrow strait of the Canton quarantine area.

About an hour after her departure from Canton with a full load of about 500 passengers, the ss. Wuseh was suddenly fired on from the shore on the vessel's port side.

According to passengers and crew of the vessel, only small arms were used in the shooting.

During the attack all lights on the vessel were turned off.

About half an hour after the shooting when the vessel had passed Whampoa, the lights were turned on.

About six miles behind the B & S vessel another British vessel the Wing Hing, received the same treatment from the armed band.

## Wing Hing Attacked

A smaller vessel than the ss. Wuseh, the Wing Hing left Canton about half an hour later than the B & S vessel.

An hour after her departure and was about to swing around for quarantine inspection when she was fired on by a band of men, out of the blackness of the night, a volley of machine gun, small arms and pom-pom shots were fired on her from the shore barely about 100 yards to her portside.

Luckily her anchor was not lowered then. Her skipper immediately ordered the vessel to proceed full speed ahead and at the same time all lights were switched off.

Unlike the ss. Wuseh, the smaller vessel retaliated against the shore fire by firing every weapon on board.

A few minutes later she too slipped away from the danger zone without any casualty. However, prior to her arrival here, her skipper discovered a few bullet holes in the vessel's sides.

On their arrival here early yesterday morning, vivid descriptions of the exodus from Canton by river vessels were given by the passengers.

Almost all of the passengers said that Canton was an open city when they left on Thursday night. One family which had encountered two evacuees in the past five months brought to the Colony almost all of their furniture which they had managed to get out of Shanghai.

Terminating the evacuation of Canton as one worse than that of Shanghai, one member of the family said that people of all walks of life filled the Canton pier during the time they boarded the vessel.

## Excitement On Pier

There was so much excitement on the pier that no one thought that the vessel could leave without mishap.

A jumble of all kinds and furniture were piled high on the pier awaiting loading on to the vessel and the pier coolies made the most of the situation.

From one school dormitory some 300 iron beds, desks and wooden beds were loaded on to the Wuseh. Apart from these eight motor vehicles were taken aboard.

Among the passengers in the Wuseh were 18 Europeans of seven nationalities. They included a few foreign correspondents.

The European passengers were Mr. Michael Davidson of the London "Observer", Mr. Frank E. Robertson (British journalist), Mr. William A. Assessorow (British), Mr. George Belcher (British), Dr. G. A. Milne (British), Miss H. Sawyer (British), Mr. Frank T. Durdin (American), Mr. Bruce E. Tingle (American), Mr. Harry W. Annot (American), Mr. P. E. Brisard (French Correspondent), Mr. Paulin Abony (French), Mr. V. D. Aubrey (French), Mr. Said Kikde (Turkish), Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Tamberg (Estonians), Mr. Karl F. W. Ebert (German), Mrs. G. Hodapp (German) and Mr. Carl Krueger (Stateless).

No European passenger was brought here by the ss. Wing Hing, which according to her first officer, Mr. W. F. Johnston, had a full load of Chinese passengers.

Six Nationalist officers were among the passengers. These officers discarded their uniforms after arriving at the Colony. Their military caps were later worn by local pier coolies who tore away the cap insignias.

A few cases of documents belonging to the Foreign Office of the Nationalist Government were also brought down by the Wing Hing.

## Exhibition Of Rare Books

An exhibition of rare English books extending back to 1480, was opened at the British Council Library, Statue Square, yesterday by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham.

The exhibition, which is being held under the auspices of the British Council, represents in brief the history of printing in England since Caxton established his press in Westminster Abbey in 1477.

The 70 exhibits on display reflect the mastery skill of the early craftsmen, the decline in one century, the revival in another, and the changing current of social history.

The Governor, after giving a brief review of the history of English printing, said that though the present selection was not a large one it could nevertheless be called an artistic gem, being very selective, and bringing out the artistic tastes of the different periods.

He said lovers of books and culture were indebted to the British Council in general, and to Mr. Robert Bruce, their local representative, in particular, for the opportunity of seeing these rare selections.

## BIF Fair In 1950

The 29th British Industries Fair will open in London on May 8, 1950, and it is intended that Hong Kong shall participate for the third time, in the Commonwealth and Empire Section, it was officially announced yesterday.

An increasing number of Colonies intend to participate. It is expected that bookings for space will exceed that available. Hong Kong has been provisionally granted 700 square feet of space.

Not all those local firms who wished to exhibit could be granted space this year and heavy demand is expected for the 1950 stand.

The Hong Kong British Industries Fair Committee will shortly issue a circular containing application forms for space. Those firms who wish to ensure that they are not crowded out are invited to register their names with the Committee now. No obligation is entailed by so doing.

The Committee also intends to repeat the venture of last year in chartering a special plane to convey the Colony's visitors to the Fair. In this connection the Committee will also assist in booking hotel accommodation for which there is a great demand in London during the Fair's run—and in obtaining the required travel documents.

Businessmen who are contemplating a visit to the United Kingdom early next year are invited to consider the advantages of timing their visit to include the Fair, which is now well-known as a rendezvous for buyers from all parts of the world.

Requests for registration for space and any other enquiries should be addressed to Mr. J. W. Ferris, Secretary, Department of Commerce and Industry, Fire Brigade Building.

## Archbishop Of Manila Dies

Manila, October 15. The Rev. Michael J. O'Doherty, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Manila for 32 years, died at 8.43 a.m. today of labor pneumonia and complications after a six-month illness.

Mrs. O'Doherty was born on July 20, 1874, in Charlestown, County Mayo, Ireland, one of 12 children. He was ordained as a priest in 1897 and came to Zamboanga in the Philippines in 1911. He was consecrated Bishop and in 1915 named Archbishop of Manila—at that time the youngest Archbishop of the Catholic hierarchy, being 42.

Several priests were present when he died at his residence. He had received the sacrament of Extreme Unction and his last words were that he wished to die on a Friday.

Funeral services have not yet been completely arranged. His body is expected to lie in state for ten days.

Two years ago, Mrs. O'Doherty sought to become a Filipino citizen, but was unable to do so because his country, Ireland, does not give a reciprocal privilege to Filipinos—United Press.

## YWCA Financial Campaign



The YWCA launched its annual financial campaign yesterday with the target set at HK\$165,000. Lady Grantham, wife of the Governor, presided at the campaign meeting. She is shown here presenting a campaign flag to Mrs. Tan Ken-hoon, Chairman of the Campaign committee. Flags were also presented to other team captains. Some 500 campaign workers have been divided into three divisions of 10 teams each. ("China Mail" Photo).

## Sino-British Orchestra's Concerts Next Week

The Sino-British Orchestra, under the direction of its regular conductor, Dr. S. M. Bard, will give its first public performances of the season at concerts next week.

On Thursday, it will play at the Diocesan Boys' School in Kowloon, and on the following night the performance will be repeated on the Hong Kong side at St. Stephen's Girls' College Lyttleton Road. Both concerts will start at 8.30 p.m.

The Orchestra will open the programme with Beethoven's Overture to Goethe's tragic drama "Egmont," followed by the "Virtuous Wife" Suite for Strings, by Purcell, the great English composer of the seventeenth century.

The main work of the evening will be Haydn's popular "Oxford" Symphony in G Major, so called because it was performed at the ceremony at which Haydn received the degree of Doctor of Music from Oxford University during his visit to England in 1791. The composer himself conducted the orchestra on that notable occasion.

Supporting the Sino-British Orchestra at next week's concerts will be Julia Lee, soprano, who will sing a group of classical European songs and a group of Chinese songs. Professor Harry Ore will accompany her at the piano.

Miss Lee, a graduate of the Chinese National Conservatory of Music in Shanghai, was one of the artists who took part in the Sino-British Club's inaugural concert in 1947.

Other artists at next week's concerts will be Wong Man-yun and Euphemia Wong, who will perform a duet on a Chinese violin and dulcimer.

Bookings for the concerts are open at S. Moutrie & Co., Ltd. Tickets are \$5, \$3, \$2 and \$1.

## DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

The Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

Previously acknowledged: \$1,504,481.47.

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## SINO-BRITISH CLUB-MUSIC GROUP

### CONCERTS

at Diocesan Boys' School, Kowloon, on Thursday, 20th October, at 8.30 p.m. and St. Stephen's Girls' College, Hong Kong, on Friday, 21st October, at 8.30 p.m.

## SINO-BRITISH ORCHESTRA

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## Fatal Traffic Accidents

Eleven of the 277 traffic accidents involving pedestrians during September were fatal, according to official statistics. In addition to the deaths, 54 persons were seriously injured and 212 slightly hurt.

## SERVICEMEN ENTERTAINED

The Hong Kong Women's International Club entertained 100 Servicemen personnel with a Whist Drive and light refreshments, on Thursday.

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## SHIRLEY TEMPLE DIVORCE

Hollywood, October 13. Shirley Temple, dimpled baby star who grew up into a glamour girl, said today that she has decided to divorce her husband, actor John Agar, after "crying about it for the last two weeks."

Her counsel, George Stahlman, said a suit will probably be filed late today under the standard movie colony charge of "mental cruelty."

"I am so confused and unhappy," she said. "I don't know whether it's Jack's fault or mine. All I know is there is no possible chance of reconciliation."

Miss Temple, who was a 17-year-old bride four years ago in one of the town's fanciest Valentine-style weddings, said the cause of the break-up was "strictly a personal thing between Jack and me."

"I do not want to discuss it," she added. "But I would not call our marriage a 'Hollywood' marriage. This is something that happens to lots of people. It would have happened to us if we had been living any place. Hollywood has nothing to do with it. We both tried very hard, but it wouldn't work."

Shirley added that she hopes everybody will not make too much fuss. "I would like to keep this as dignified and quiet as possible," she said.—United Press.

## Broadcasts To Russia

Frankfurt, October 13. Mr. George Allen, the United States Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, said here tonight that about 25 per cent of the "Voice of America" and the British Broadcasting Corporation programmes to Russia are getting through the Soviet radio "jamming."

"But the number of listeners in the Soviet Union has fallen off considerably," he added. Although it was difficult to judge the total audience, Mr. Allen recalled the report of the former United States Ambassador to Moscow, General Walter Bedell Smith, that "probably eight million Soviet citizens can be reached directly by the broadcasts."

As many as 250 Russian radio stations, using four times the total power and 10 times the personnel of the "Voice of America," were being used at one time for the "jamming," Mr. Allen stated.—Reuter.

## Reserve Fund For Marshall Plan

Paris, October 13. Total allocations to the 19-Marshall Plan nations will be reduced by 4.385 per cent to create a \$150,000,000 reserve fund, M. Robert Marjolin, Secretary-General of the Organisation for European Economic Co-Operation, announced today.

Establishment of the fund followed an Economic Co-Operation Administration request in a letter to the OEEC last week-end. Division of the 1949-50 Marshall Plan aid was made last August by the OEEC's 19-nation Governing Council. ECA accepted the share-out, but pointed out that there was no provision for a reserve fund.

M. Marjolin said that following an OEEC Council decision, a five-member "Central Group" is now examining lists of licence-free imports submitted by the participants.

The members of this Group will report their findings to the Council before October 31.

A Council decision on the establishment of the Central Group said: "Each member country taking measures towards liberalisation in agreement with another member country shall make

Paris, October 13. The Premier-designate, M. Jules Moch, seeking approval from the French Assembly for his programme for a new Cabinet, said tonight that the Government must bring into force, before the deadline, agreements of last March guaranteeing the independence of Vietnam within the French Union.

Indo-China, where the French are in conflict with "misled fighters of Vietnam," requires "particular attention," he said.

The next Government had the "imperious mission of re-establishing peace or at least a truce which would spare precious blood, unspendable sufferings and heavy outlays," M. Moch added.

Police reinforcements were on duty outside the National Assembly as M. Moch sought approval for his proposed programme.

Of the wages-prices problem and its relations to currency, M. Moch said that merely to raise wages would "lead the franc to annihilation, France to ruin and the Republic into adventures."

"The best way to defend the interests of the least fortunate labouring masses consists not in raising their theoretical salaries but in maintaining and increasing their purchasing power," M. Moch continued.

He promised that there would be "harsh slashes" in State expenditure. Economies would be achieved, he said, by structural reforms, especially in provincial administration, and decentralisation.

Civil servants would have to work harder, he warned.

## Lowering Prices

M. Moch announced plans under three headings for improving purchasing power:

(1) Steps to lower prices.  
(2) Return to free collective bargaining over work conditions between employers and trade unions, without Government intervention.

(3) A special bonus of not more than 3,000 francs for this month only for workers earning less than 15,000 francs, so as to bring such workers up to the 15,000 francs level.

M. Moch estimated that 2,800,000 workers would benefit in some degree or other by such a bonus.

Calling for a balanced budget, M. Moch said that "it must be balanced by the sacrifices of all and not only a few. Still more it must be balanced by the sacrifices of those who have a super-guity, who are making profits to-day and will benefit more by action of national wealth than those of their fellow labourers who have helped create that wealth."

## Work For Peace

In the course of his reference to international matters, M. Moch said that France would help to

build Europe "not as a bulwark against another group of Powers but as the departure point of a peaceful and a greater confederation."

Following the work of the Council of Europe at Strasbourg, he said, "I do not under-estimate the difficulties of the task. The Federation of peoples who have been sovereign for centuries runs up against many political and economic difficulties."

"Mistrusts derived from wars and opposing kinds of regime will not disappear in one day."

In the general debate which followed M. Moch's speech, M. Edouard Daladier, former Radical Premier, described his programme as "insufficient," especially in measures to fight inflation.

A former Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, independent, said that M. Moch's plan would bring about another devaluation and would not stabilise workers' pay.

## Reynaud's Warning

M. Reynaud said he opposed M. Moch's plan and an immediate bonus for lower-paid workers but would accept a bonus for the partially unemployed—those who worked less than 40 hours a week because of electricity cuts.

He ended on a warning note, declaring, "If we do not adopt a new generalised industry, this Assembly will be swept away by the anger of the people."

M. Jacques Duclos, leader of the Communist Party's Parliamentary group, described the Franco-British Treaty of Alliance signed at Dunkirk in March, 1947, as "useless," he said.

He called for a "treaty of agreement between the 'Big Five', including the democratic China of Mao Tse-tung."

## Wage Claims

The Communists greeted this reference to Mao with loud applause and shouts of "Long Live democratic China!"

Earlier, during M. Moch's speech, about 100 delegates from several industries, including metal workers and railmen, presented wage claims to Assembly officials. There were no incidents.

At Orly, largest Paris airport, about 80 per cent answered a Communist strike-call timed to coincide with the Assembly debate. Employees stopped working for two hours. Building workers in some places downed tools. But buses and subway trains were running normally and no interruptions were reported in the telephone service.—Reuter.

## Sabotage Caused Rail Disaster

Calcutta, October 13. Police and railroad inspectors today hinted that sabotage was responsible for the crash of the outward-bound Bombay express which was derailed last night 80 miles from Calcutta, killing four and injuring 31.

Inspectors said several vital pieces of machinery had apparently been removed from the train before the crash. The engine and eight carriages were derailed.—United Press.

## Denmark May Hold Elections

Copenhagen, October 13. A Danish Government decision on whether to call for a new election is expected to be made known during a debate beginning in the Lower House here today.

Denmark's Social Democrat Government announced its party programme at the opening of Parliament recently. The Opposition's attitude to the proposals is expected to become known in the next few days.

The Prime Minister, M. Hans Hedtoft, has said repeatedly that if the Opposition persisted in attacking and hindering Government measures, his Government would appeal to the country.

Some political circles believe that the Labour success in the recent Norwegian elections has strengthened the Danish Premier's confidence in being returned to power if an election were held now.

The Social Democrat Party, which came to power in the elections of October, 1947, holds 57 seats out of the 150 in the Lower House. The next largest party are the Liberals with 49 seats.—Reuter.

## Jap. To Attend London Labour Conference

Tokyo, October 14. The Japan Congress of Labour Unions, at its Central Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday, decided to send its GEC chairman, Mr. Chuzo Moriuchi, to the inauguration of the World Free Labour Confederation to be held in London in November.

A representative of the State Railway Workers' Union will be chosen at the national convention of the Democratisation League faction of the union, which will be held at Shikara, Gumma Prefecture, on Thursday.

Observers have indicated that the chairman of the union, Mr. Etsuo Kato, would probably be elected.—Reuter.

Newswire, October 13. Twelve thousand workers of the Newswire industrial area on the Rhine, in the French Zone, today struck work for half an hour in protest against the dismantling of the Friedrich Siebert soap factory there.—Reuter.

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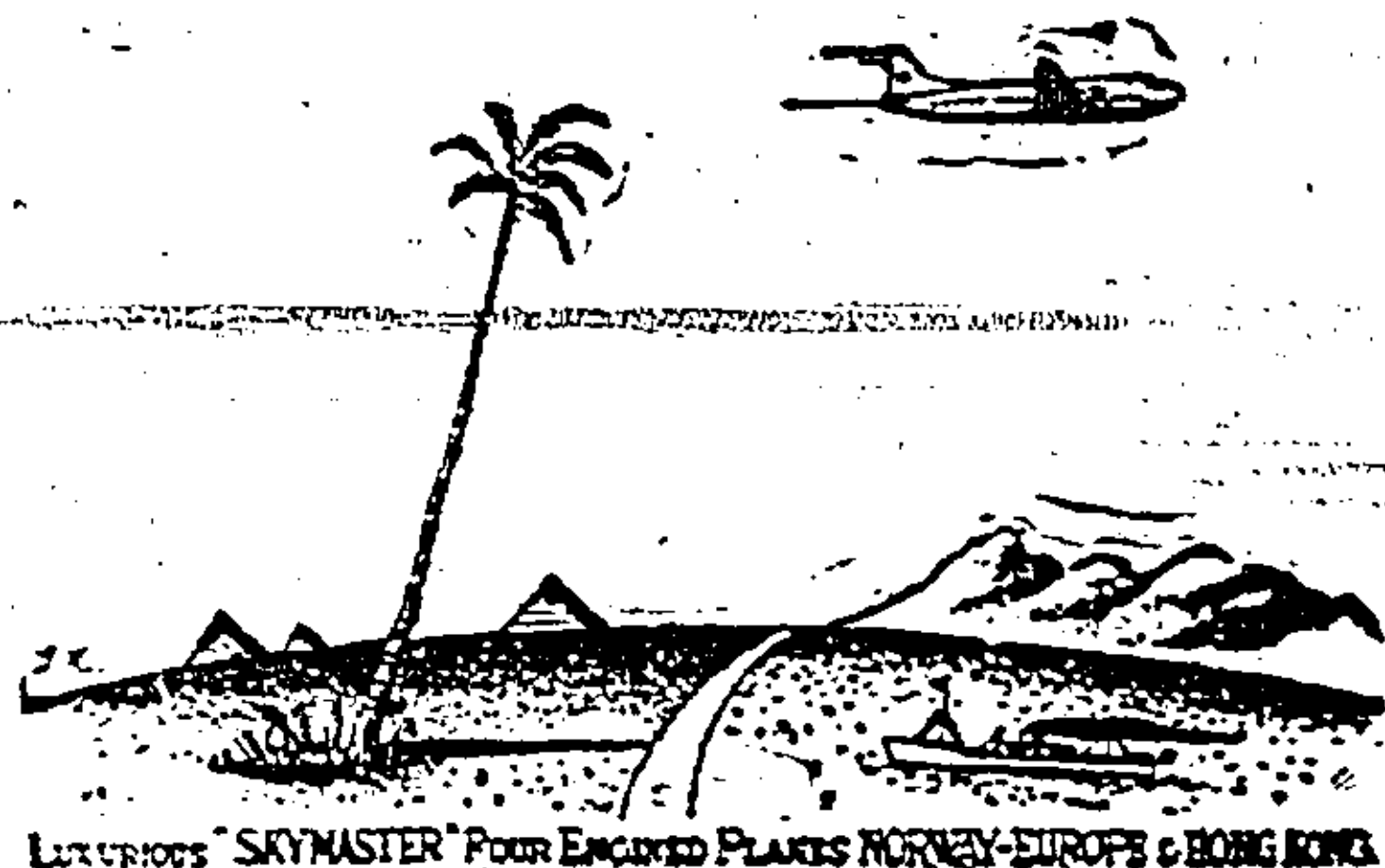
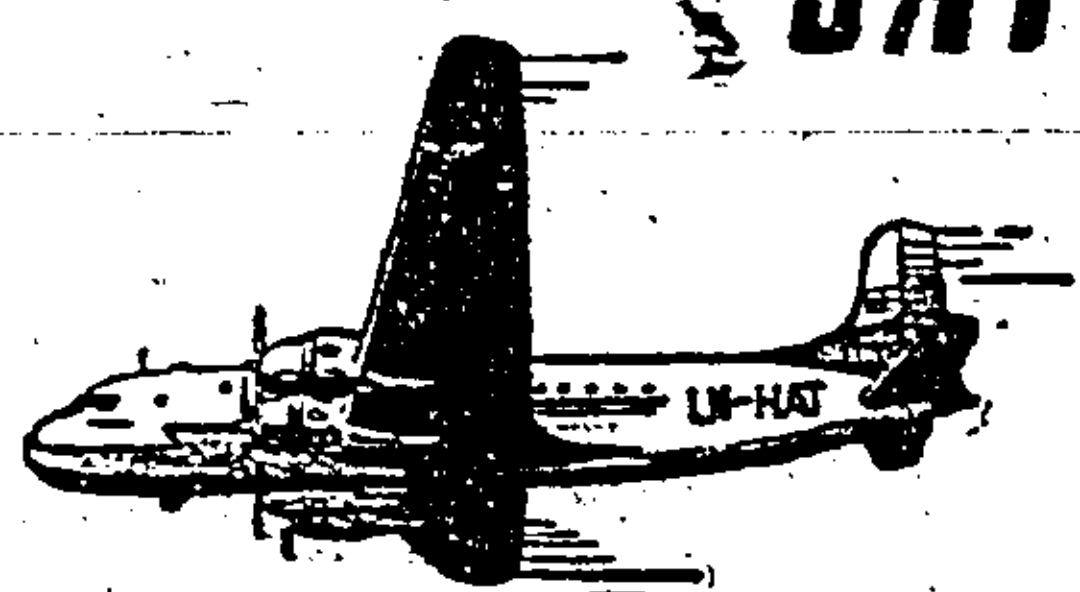
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## FUTURE OF MILLIONS

Will China, troubled and  
wasted for decades by ruinous  
wars, have any chance under  
Communist rule of peace and  
its concomitant prosperity? Flushed  
with military victory and the  
annexation of vast territory, the  
new rulers of the country will  
soon, despite all attempts at  
suppressing news, have to face  
the reality of actual administration  
under the close scrutiny of the  
outside world.

It is doubtful if Mao's stir-  
ring promises were ever  
meant to be implemented, ex-  
cept in such cases as the ex-  
propriation of wealthy es-  
tates, which are intended as  
soon as possible to become the  
property of the "People" as a  
government entity, not the  
"people" as individuals. It  
needs little underlining that  
the millions of underprivileged  
living around the starvation  
level are not going to step  
suddenly into any para-  
dise of ease and plenty.

The agrarian economy of  
China is deeply rooted in  
tradition and practice, and it  
will not be easy without  
courting disaster to make the  
many improvements that are  
obviously vitally necessary if  
the ever-increasing popula-  
tion is not to meet disaster in  
view of the insufficient pro-  
duction of basic foodstuffs.

While it is known that  
agrarian reformers are active  
in the new republic, it is be-  
lieved that the current de-  
mand for industrialisation is  
likely to be given first priority,  
however unwise this may be.  
With their eyes turned  
to Russia, the Chinese Com-  
munist forget the many dif-  
ferences that exist between  
their own country and the  
USSR, an enormous and  
thinly-populated land mass  
with huge stretches of fertile  
farmland, iron, coal oil and  
almost every other raw  
material necessary for the  
building of a modern nation.

Not that Russia has achieved  
so much from a Western  
point of view, but it looks  
good from Peking.

So the working class, deified  
in theory and brutally ex-  
ploited in practice, will be  
used to conquer the difficul-  
ties ahead. What past re-  
gimes, hand in glove with the  
wicked foreigner, could not  
achieve, the glorious new  
People's Republic intends to  
do, at no matter what cost to  
the yan man.

There can be no doubt that  
there is much misery ahead,  
whatever the end will be, and  
it seems inevitable that even  
the most fanatic propagandists  
are in for serious disillusion-  
ment in the next few years.  
Despite some grandiose  
claims, there is little evidence  
that China possesses minerals  
and sources of power in  
sufficient quantity, or in con-  
venient locations, to fit it  
for the tremendous task of  
industrialisation.

Further, judging by reports  
from Tientsin and Shanghai,  
enthusiasts are not willing to  
make the development gradu-  
ally. They deem it as  
treason that methods success-  
fully applied in Europe or  
America cannot be used with  
equal benefit in China, where  
conditions are often entirely  
different. Already their  
handling of existing busi-  
nesses, now nationalised, is  
giving rise for doubts, and  
the workers who were pro-  
mised so much are likely soon  
to wonder why their real  
wages have not increased with  
the liquidation of the exploit-  
ing capitalists.

It is believed in several  
quarters that Mao will even-  
tually be forced to turn to the  
West for help. America is  
the obvious choice for capital  
loans, but Washington may

The recent debate on devalua-  
tion in the House of Commons  
pleased hardly anybody at all.  
The Government did not reveal  
what additional measures it in-  
tended to take besides devalua-  
tion. This is the most alarming  
feature of the crisis.

Everybody is agreed that de-  
valuation by itself, if not accom-  
panied by other measures, will be  
a good deal worse than useless.  
The pound will have been de-  
valued without our exports  
over the long period having been  
increased.

Sir Stafford Cripps has said  
several times that he is highly  
satisfied with the Washington  
talks, and he believes that our  
problems can now be solved. But  
he has revealed absolutely  
nothing which justifies this op-  
timism.

The great danger of devalua-  
tion is that it will be followed  
by inflation. Sir Stafford has ad-  
mitted the failure of the disinflation-  
ary measures he has put into  
force in the past few months.  
But he has not announced any  
new and more effective measures.  
Second thoughts after devalua-  
tion are suggesting all kinds of  
problems which were at first  
overlooked. If the demand for  
British exports in the dollar area  
is to be so greatly increased  
—tenfold says Mr. Gaitskell—  
where are goods for export to be

## COTTON IS HIS PREY

By MARGARET  
GILRUTH

This is the story of what may  
be termed the world's cost-  
liest worm. It has caused 40  
million sterling damage to Egypt's  
fine new cotton crop; and it has  
not yet been checked for although  
the Government and landowners  
are mobilising all their resources  
to fight the menace, this persistent  
little worm continues to nibble  
and destroy, threatening  
Egypt's mid-year summer on re-  
cord.

At the end of the first 10 days  
of September, experts in the agri-  
cultural banks and at the Minis-  
try of Agriculture agreed that  
2% to 3% of the Delta's long  
staple (Kharafi) cotton could be  
considered as lost. The position  
will probably deteriorate; the  
worm is having an excellent and  
lengthy innings because the cotton  
crop here in Egypt is about 30  
days late in being picked, another  
fact attributable to the incredibly  
cool summer.

In the provinces thousands of  
peasants are being ruined; the big  
and wealthy landowners can, of  
course, support the heavy finan-  
cial losses entailed although in  
some areas 80-85% of their crop  
is wiped out.

Alexandria, one of the  
world's great cotton centres,  
manipulators have been having a  
merry time in the Futures Mar-  
ket. As soon as news of the cot-  
ton worm's march across crops in  
the Delta reached Alexandria, the  
market was influenced, specula-  
tors got busy, and prices began  
to soar.

At August 1, when prospects  
looked fairly good, the price  
quoted for the new crop long  
staple was 58.50. At August  
30, when the news was bad, the  
price rose to 60.05, and to 71.00  
the black market. A day or so  
later it fell to 63, but at Septem-  
ber 10 it had soared to 67.50.

The Egyptian Government re-  
cently decided to annex 12,180  
bales against payment in hard  
currency. Sales to the United  
States are 25,000 bales at about  
the place at the very low price  
of 50 dollars per balar—this is  
from the Government stocks and  
the agreeable price can be attrib-  
uted to Egypt's grave shortage  
of dollars.

This year, before it was appar-  
ent the crop would be decimated  
by the worm and delayed by the  
mildest of summers, Egypt was  
collecting satisfactory orders for  
her cotton from new and old cus-  
tomers abroad. India has begun  
to turn to Egypt for the finer  
counts; Pakistan has agreed to  
take a large quantity of yarn as  
much of her cotton crop is now  
in the hands of Hindus. If the  
price is reasonable, Italy will order  
and pay in sterling. Czechoslo-  
vakia wants Egypt's cotton; she  
either pays in sterling or in arma-  
ments for Egypt's army, which is  
undergoing a momentary proce-  
dure. Japan buys on the barter system  
conducted on a triangular basis or  
direct; she pays in everything one  
can think of—pipes, pots, pans,  
and textiles. Germany, Poland,  
Yugoslavia and Austria all pay on  
the barter system, supplying prin-  
cipally chemicals and textiles.

Egypt's clients are regarding  
the loss in price with dismay for  
they are becoming weary of a mar-  
ket which is apt to fluctuate  
wildly, and often unpredictably.  
Exporters in Alexandria are not  
ably canny. Although little ac-  
counts are being opened, shipments  
and deliveries is procurable, it is  
evident that if Egypt's cotton  
crop is three weeks to a month  
late in reaching Alexandria there  
will be a squeeze in deliveries in  
October which may affect the pro-  
gramme of milk abroad.

continue hostile. Britain  
might be more willing to sup-  
ply technicians and instruc-  
tors. Once again the link will  
be Hong Kong. It does not  
seem in the Communist in-  
terest to have this broken for  
some time to come.

# AFTER DEVALUATION

By "WINDRUSH"

Production cannot be  
greatly increased over the  
short term.  
Clearly there must be a great  
switch-over of exports from  
Eastern markets to Western  
markets. This is going to cause  
a very awkward transitional  
period. To some extent, in-  
creased exports must be the ex-  
penditure of diminished domestic consump-  
tion.

Over the debate in the House  
of Commons hung the shadow of  
the general election. Until the  
election is over, both sides are  
unwilling to reveal the measures  
which they would adopt to deal  
with the crisis. Neither party  
dares to admit that the standard  
of living must be lowered.  
The Government has said that

## Trade Unions

At the moment the Govern-  
ment is probably less concerned  
about what the opposition thinks  
than about what the trade unions  
think. If the trade unions re-  
fuse to agree to "freeze" wage  
rates for the time being, then  
there will be no possibility of

## The Crisis Continues

By "WINDRUSH"

A month has passed since  
the devaluation debate in the  
House of Commons. Sir  
Stafford Cripps has made a  
speech at the Mansion House.  
Almost everything that has  
happened since the Washing-  
ton talks has increased rather  
than lessened the an-  
xiety in London.

Protests have come from the  
countries of Western Europe  
about the failure of Sir Stafford  
Cripps to inform them in time  
of the decision to devalue.  
Speaking in the Indian Parlia-  
ment, Dr. Mathai the Finance  
Minister said that at the recent  
conference of Commonwealth  
Finance Ministers it had been  
understood that they were pre-  
paring the brief for Sir Stafford  
for the Washington talks. Sir  
Stafford was to be the "managing  
agent" for all the sterling area.  
The brief contained nothing  
about devaluation. Devaluation  
was not even discussed at the  
conference. In agreeing to  
devalue at Washington, Sir  
Stafford, said Dr. Mathai,  
had gone far beyond his  
brief. He had not informed the  
Indian Cabinet until 48 hours  
before the public announcement.  
But America had been informed  
a fortnight in advance.

## New Measures

The Labour Government has  
still not disclosed what new  
measures it plans to take beyond  
increasing the Profits Tax. It  
has woken up to the danger of  
inflation, but it does not explain  
what it is going to do about it.  
It agrees that there must be  
economies. But it has announced  
at once that none of the really  
expensive things—social services,  
defence services—will be touch-  
ed. The only saving is in the  
cost of living. It is now saying  
that it will affect it very considera-  
bly.

Everybody agrees that all the  
valuable efforts of devaluation  
would be wasted if there were  
a general rise of wages.  
The Government has appealed to  
the trade unions to accept a  
"wage freeze". But by an order  
to pad the rise in the cost of  
living to the poorest paid work-  
ers, it has suggested that there  
should be an increase in the  
lowest wages up to a national  
minimum wage.

Better paid workers would  
thus have to accept a diminution  
in the gap between their wages  
and the minimum wage. Trade  
unions are not at all enthusiastic  
about this proposal. They are  
suspicious of any move by the  
government to interfere in the  
fight of each union for higher  
wages.

The feeling is growing that  
the general election must be held  
as early as possible. Before the  
election the government dare  
not announce the measures  
which are necessary but which  
cannot fail to be unpopular.  
On October 3 both the "Times"  
and "Manchester Guardian"  
published leading articles about  
the crisis which were very des-  
pondent.

## No Remedy

The "Times" said: "Devaluation  
is no remedy; it is merely a step  
which may make it easier to  
adopt the right remedy. The  
country has been living beyond  
its means. But he still cannot  
say more than the debate re-  
vealed about what is to be done.  
It is the task of his Majesty's  
Government, whether they  
privilege of the chance, if they  
choose, or the successors, to call  
up a great and sustained effort."

This is the first hint from the  
non-party "Times" that a change  
of government might help to  
solve the crisis.  
The "Manchester Guardian"  
in a leading article called "Near  
Bankruptcy" said: "The ex-  
penditure of the British gold reserve  
in the quarter has just ended  
was catastrophic. The pound  
was devalued when we were near  
bankruptcy. And all the present  
evidence is that bankruptcy has  
been put off for no more than a  
few months by the measures so  
far in sight."

Bankruptcy for Britain would  
mean that the sterling area would  
break up; that a large part of  
world trade would be disrupted;  
that British imports would fall  
sharply; and that in the resulting  
industrial dislocation there would  
be heavy unemployment and  
the chance of curing it. It is  
hard to believe that even the  
welfare of the British people

preventing a rise in the costs of  
industry which will cancel out  
all the advantage to exports  
from devaluation.

There have been two meetings  
between Sir Stafford Cripps and  
the trade union leaders. The  
trade unions are still non-com-  
mittal. The Government would  
not object to a rise in wages of  
the lowest paid workers. But  
the more highly paid workers  
may object that they cannot  
afford to forego the differential  
between their wages and the  
wages of the unskilled. Thus an  
upward trend might start  
through the entire industrial  
system.

The dissatisfaction over the  
vagueness of the Government's  
policy has increased sharply since  
the debate. In the influential  
political magazines, the Govern-  
ment recently had had one of its  
worst week-ends since it took  
office. The "Economist" says:  
"Never has Sir Stafford Cripps  
expounded more clearly what  
needed to be done, and never has  
he refused more firmly to play  
any part in bringing it about.  
Socialists above all other people  
believe that the national economy  
can be made to respond to gov-  
ernmental policy. Why do they  
cry havoc in terms of ever-in-  
creasing urgency, and refuse to  
do anything about it? The answer  
is of course that unimpaired ac-  
tions cannot be undertaken on  
the eve of an election."

The increase in the profits tax  
it describes as a bludgeon to  
trade unions for no more than a  
week or two.

The "Spectator" says: "What  
should have been the occasion  
for a united national effort has  
been turned into an open political  
quarrel, with the Govern-  
ment asking for a vote of confidence  
and at the same time behaving  
in such a manner that vote can-  
not possibly be given."

"Time and Tide" says: "There is  
every indication that the Govern-  
ment, compelled to devalue by the  
iron logic of events, has not  
never had and shows no sign  
of having, the faintest idea of  
what are likely to be the conse-  
quences of devaluation."  
The attack on the government  
by the opposition is now being  
reinforced by complaints from  
the governments of the continent.  
These claim that they were never  
properly consulted by the British  
Government before devaluation.  
Some British members of parlia-  
ment are arguing that in this the  
government acted not only un-  
wisely but also that it broke its  
contracts under the international  
monetary agreements of 1945 and  
1947.

The suspicion on the continent  
has sharpened that the British  
Government is not at all in  
earnest in its backing of European  
unity and the Strasbourg Parlia-  
ment.

The devaluation crisis is the  
culmination of the long-term  
economic crisis which has been  
developing throughout the Labour  
Party's tenure of office. Whether  
the general election is held now  
or next year, it is certain now  
that it will be fought, not on  
particular issues, but on the  
question of socialism in its broad-  
est sense.

The present government has  
been very loyal to certain basic  
principles. Its supporters claim  
that the difficulties in Great Brit-  
ain are due, not to the follow-  
ing of these principles, but to the  
circumstances of the time. The  
opposition claims the exact op-  
posite. The electorate has to de-  
cide which is right.

Mr. Churchill's speech in the  
debate has been much criticised.  
But it did lift the debate above  
technical questions to the largest  
issues of policy. The dollar crisis  
and the threat of the atom bomb  
—in Mr. Churchill's view the one  
cannot be considered without the  
other—Great Britain today is a  
strange spectacle.

A part of its people are bent  
on maintaining their standard of  
living, and are deaf to all talk  
of the need for national sacrifices.  
Another part is desperately  
anxious to maintain Britain's  
place in the world. The Govern-  
ment wishes to achieve both  
results, but has failed to explain  
how it means to do so.

It is prudent to insure rather than to take a  
chance it will never happen to you.

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The bitter truth.  
According to a news agency re-  
port from Canton yesterday,  
"The main body of the National-  
ists went West."

Superlative news from our  
most prolific contemporary.  
"The station at Canton how-  
ever was much worse."

"After dinner, Mr. — surveyed  
the work of the past month,  
following which tight new mem-  
bers were welcomed."

Trade Mark: Hammer and  
Sickle.

Yes indeed.  
"The appeal by the authorities  
to all users of the road in the fight  
against unnecessary human life,  
ought to find a hearty response."

Don't you adore these splash  
stories from Canton saying that  
nothing has happened, and all is  
quiet?  
The union of telephone-based  
reporters and forward-looking  
British consular officials is just  
too vividly revealing, don't you  
think?

Brief cases, writes a possibly  
unimpaired correspondent, "are  
carried by lawyers who hope the  
one they're working on won't be  
quiet."

"Large room overlooking race  
course, suitable for man and wife  
or stenographer."

"Remember, John, it was at a  
cricket match that you proposed  
to me. You were bold that day."  
"No, my dear—caught."

Said Myrtle at the fancy dress  
ball, "Isn't it upsetting for Mrs.  
Smithington-Smythe? She came  
as a Hawaiian beauty, with grass  
skirts and all—and they awarded  
her first prize in the humorous  
section as 'The Old Thatched  
Cottage.'"

He's a musician, and you know  
what musicians are.  
Straight from one bar to the  
next.

Proverbs are short sentences  
based on long experience.

The secret of ageing gracefully  
is freedom from worry, advises a  
beauty expert.

All we need now is the secret  
of freedom from worry.

Correspondent writes, apropos  
my comment yesterday, that he  
would say in Austrian politics,  
fortune is fig.



He's worried about the  
election.



# ATTLEE TO APPEAL FOR EFFORT TO SPEED RECOVERY

London, October 13.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is expected to follow up today's announcement that there will be no autumn election by an appeal to the British public to get on with the job of economic recovery.

Authoritative quarters tonight said that the Government opposes an autumn election because it considers it wrong in the public interest to dissolve Parliament at this particular point in the economic situation.

The Cabinet believes that its job is to carry out its declared policy, with whatever modifications may be called for by the economic situation, according to plan, and that one certain effect of an election now would be to retard the recovery programme by a month.

The impression is gained that the Cabinet is now extremely anxious to see a truce to the speculation while the country grapples with economic realities. The Government has a maximum of nine months in which to ensure that the benefits of the sterling devaluation are not lost.

Parliament's five years' lease of life must end by the beginning of August. The Government's aim in the interval is to secure a measure of economic improvement when the time comes for the elections to judge.

The Prime Minister's decision to stick to his plan for a spring election is stated authoritatively to have received overwhelming Cabinet support at today's meeting.

The part played by the Health Minister, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the Cabinet's left wing leader, who is believed to lead the Government "early election" champions, is not known.

## Left Wing Shocked

But a subject of political comment tonight was a further article in the left wing Labour weekly "Tribune," which has frequently been regarded as reflecting Mr. Bevan's views.

This periodical stimulated speculation a fortnight ago by an article proposing an immediate election.

This week's "Tribune," which went to press before Mr. Attlee's decision was announced, stated: "We prefer to see the Government go now."

From this it looks as if today's development may come as a considerable shock to the Party's left wing elements.

Two certain consequences of the Prime Minister's action will be the nationalisation of iron and steel within the lifetime of the present Parliament and the passing of the House of Lords' powers of delaying legislation.

**March Or May**  
Authoritative quarters tonight indicated that beyond deciding that the election will be next year the Prime Minister has fixed no date.

Speculative reports have already suggested dates in March and May.

The British Communist Party, in a communique tonight, said that the Government announcement, "made immediately after Mr. Bevan's return from America," shows that American big business insists on the Labour Government carrying through immediately the offensive against the living conditions of the British workers.

Mr. Attlee said in a speech tonight that he had announced that there would be no election this year because widespread election speculation was causing uncertainty injurious to Britain's national effort.

## Devaluation Not A Solution

The discussions covered a wide range of subjects and resulted in a greater understanding of "the most intractable problem, that of the balance of payments," and a determination on the part of the British, American and Canadian Governments to work together for its solution.

Devaluation, Mr. Attlee said, had "never been put forward as a solution" but was "an essential factor in restoring our position" and provided the needed stimulus for the export drive.

There were certain "consequential measures" to be taken in Britain which are being worked out, and of which the country would be fully informed within a few days, he said.

Mr. Attlee said that Britain, as a member of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, had given a lead to other members by announcing the removal of "a substantial part of our import restrictions."

"There are signs that other countries are following our lead," he added.

"If our hopes are disappointed we shall have to reconsider our action, but we are anxious that there should be no unreasonable impediments to our importing from countries with which we are not in balance of payments difficulties."

## Tory Call

The Conservative Party Conference today unanimously supported a call for development of the British Commonwealth and Empire preference.

The 4,500 delegates passed a resolution saying: "While grudging no other state or group of states the right to make their own tariff arrangements, this conference insists that Great Britain and the British Commonwealth must have full freedom to exercise that same right, and maintain that the future safety and prosperity of the whole Commonwealth depends upon a policy of Empire development under a system of mutual preference in its widest sense, covering industry and agriculture, finance, shipping and aviation."

Mr. Oliver Stanley, son of the Earl of Derby and a former Colonial Secretary, who wound up the debate on behalf of the Conservative leadership, warned the delegates that in questions of Empire policy "emotion and sentiment" were not by themselves enough.

"We must remember the realities of the Empire as it is today. In any real discussion of Imperial policy we have to remember that we are not the sole dictators and not the only people concerned. It is not enough merely to state what we should like. We have to take into consideration what the other parts of the Empire desire."

## Humans Could Not Survive Another War

Lake Success, October 13. Dr. Brock Chisholm, Director-General of the World Health Organisation, said today that bacteriological weapons have been developed to a point where most of the human race would not survive another war.

And no nation knows what any other nation has in the way of bacteriological weapons, he told a news conference.

Dr. Chisholm, a Canadian, said that the bacteriological weapons developed by some nations are so powerful that they make the atomic bomb obsolete.—Associated Press.

## KASHMIR DISPUTE REPORT

Geneva, October 13.

Mr. Carlos Leguizaman, Chairman of the United Nations Kashmir Commission, said here today that the Commission's report to the Security Council would recommend continued United Nations efforts to solve the Kashmir question.

Speaking at a press conference, Mr. Leguizaman declined any details on what measures the report would propose. He stressed the Commission's success in bringing about a cease-fire and fixing true demarcation lines, adding: "I do not think hostilities will ever begin again in Kashmir."

"I am expressing the opinion of all my colleagues when I say that the United Nations will continue to do everything possible to help India and Pakistan in their problems," he said.

Asked if the Commission's report would recommend further action to break down the barriers to a plebiscite, Mr. Leguizaman replied, "Certainly."

M. Erik Colban, Norwegian Ambassador and representative of the United Nations Secretary-General with the Kashmir Commission, said, "Nothing remains but to present a fair account and ask the Security Council to decide what further mediation work can be carried out."

Mr. Leguizaman said that the report would probably take three weeks or a month to complete in Geneva before the Commission goes on to Lake Success.

M. Colban plans to return to India about the middle of next month.—Reuter.

## Only Way

Mr. Stanley said that he did not believe a system of Empire priorities and development was inconsistent either with association with the United States or the States of Western Europe.

"There is only one way in which Britain can regard the economic independence we desire and which the United States must wish to restore and that is as the centre and leader of a close knit economic Empire," he said.

The Government decision against an autumn election was flashed on the screen at the Conservative Party Conference.

Lord Woolton, Chairman of the Conservative Party Organisation, commented afterwards: "This delaying of the election means that there will be an inevitable hesitation in business circles which will not be good for the recovery of the country."—Reuter.

## Mao Tse-Tung's Message To British MP's

London, October 13.

The head of the new government of Communist China called today for "friendship between the peoples of Britain and China."

The wish was expressed in a telegram from Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Central Government of the Chinese People's Republic, to five left wing House of Commons members who call themselves "the Labour Independents."

All five MP's have been expelled from the Labour Party because of their sympathy with Communism. They are Messrs. D. N. Pritt, Leslie Hutchinson, John Platts-Mills, L. J. Solley and Konni Zilliacus.

They sent the Chinese Communists a cable of greetings last week promising to work for full British recognition of the new government at Peking.

"I thank you for your greetings," said Mao's reply. "I wish success to your just efforts and those of the broad masses of the British people in promoting friendship between the peoples of Britain and China."

In Rangoon, the independent English daily "Nation" today reported the Foreign Minister, U. Nu, as saying that the Burmese Government will not have diplomatic consultations with British Commonwealth countries now discussing the de facto recognition of Communist China.

According to the paper, U. Nu said Burma's ultimate decision will not be influenced by any decision taken by any Commonwealth country.

Meanwhile, other press reports said that school-teachers were among those arrested yesterday during a city-wide round-up of alleged police of subversive elements. The arrested persons are believed to be members of an underground Communist ring.

## Paris Mix-up

Chinese diplomats who went over to the Communists have received instructions from their new chief at Peking to hold the Embassy in Paris, their leader said in Paris yesterday. He is Lin Chi-han, formerly Minister Counsellor of the Embassy. He told a reporter: "Now we are bound to remain unless the French use force to remove us."

The French Foreign Ministry said on Monday that six Chinese officials would be struck from the diplomatic list as a consequence of their revolt. France does not recognise the Chinese Communist regime.

Russia is compiling two Russian-Chinese dictionaries, the first "including the terminology of the new Democratic China," Tass, official Russian news agency, said in a Leningrad dispatch distributed in London by the Soviet Monitor.

Tass said that the first work will contain about 300,000 words and be in three volumes. One volume has already gone to press.

## India's Stand

India is studying a Chinese Communist request for recognition as the legal government of China, the Foreign Ministry in New Delhi announced today.

He added that India hoped that informal contacts would continue between the new government and India's consular representatives.

Nationalist China has asked the Arab nations to support her complaint to the United Nations against alleged Russian intervention in the Chinese civil war.

The Chinese Ambassador in Cairo, Ho Feng-shan, has asked the Arab League Secretary-General, Azzam Pasha, to request the Arab nations to instruct their UN delegations to support China.—Associated Press.

## WARNING ON BURMA

London, October 13.

The Burmese Government's delay in taking practical measures to attract British commercial and Government support will result in the Communist domination of Burma, the "Financial Times" said in an editorial today.

Commenting on a speech on Wednesday by W. J. C. Richards of the Consolidated Tin Mines of Burma, the "Financial Times" said it is difficult to disagree with his contention that capital investment should await restoration of law and order in Burma. "The other side of the argument is that undue delay and hesitation might prove fatal. Support from Britain, both governmental and commercial, might well be a factor in the fight against insurgent elements which can often be identified with Communist leaders."

The editorial said the British Government has given Burma every opportunity of avoiding any play for overseas investors. "They must now take their opportunity, otherwise they will have to face economic isolation and the almost inevitable corollary of Communist domination."

—United Press.

## DIPLOMAT IN TROUBLE

Stockholm, October 13.

The Malmö police today charged Arango Alsina of the Cuban Legation in Oslo, with smuggling one million American cigarettes into Sweden from Denmark in a diplomatic bag.

Alsina was arrested last month and accused of smuggling 12,000 nylon stockings into Sweden in the same way.

He claimed diplomatic immunity but was placed under house arrest.—Reuter.

## ANOTHER WAR A CERTAINTY

Melbourne, October 13.

The Australian Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General V. Sturdee, said today that there is no possibility of averting a third world war.

General Sturdee, who has just returned from a visit to Britain, said: "I see no possibility of a third world war being averted. It may not be for years, but it will come."

Russia's possession of the atomic bomb probably makes very little difference, he said.

"Like the gas bomb it might never be used. But the world must now prepare for atomic warfare the same way preparations were made for gas warfare in the recent war."

General Sturdee said: "Therefore the armies, navies and air forces will continue to play a leading part in any future war. The atom bomb would wipe out cities and war factories but it would be of little use against Russia's horde of manpower."

Life is considered an expendable commodity in Russia's aim of world domination, he declared.

"But there is one power which the Soviet Union fears and that is the United States. Therefore, America must lead the Western world and Britain and the Empire must be prepared to play second fiddle."—United Press.

## JAVA CHINESE BACK COMMIES

Medan, October 13.

Democrats of the entire Chinese population overseas support the Chinese People's Republic at Peking, according to the local paper, "Rakyat," reports Aneta, the Dutch news agency.

This was the text of a resolution adopted by a mass meeting held here on the thirteenth anniversary of the Chinese Republic.

Another resolution asked the United Nations not to recognise Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as the representative of the Chinese people.

The mass meeting sang the Communist anthem instead of the Nationalist one.

The picture of Chiang Kai-shek was absent during the meeting.—Reuter.



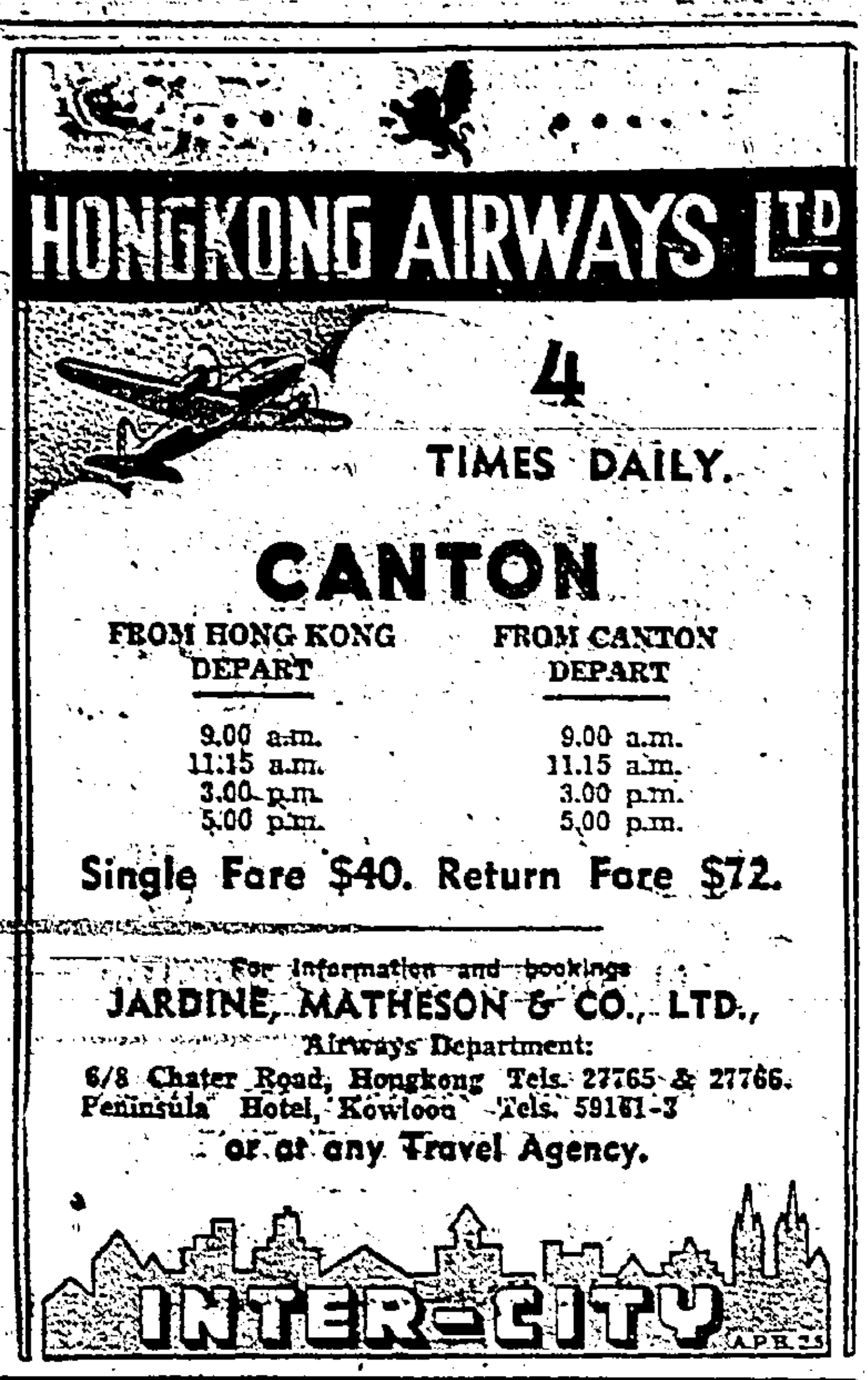
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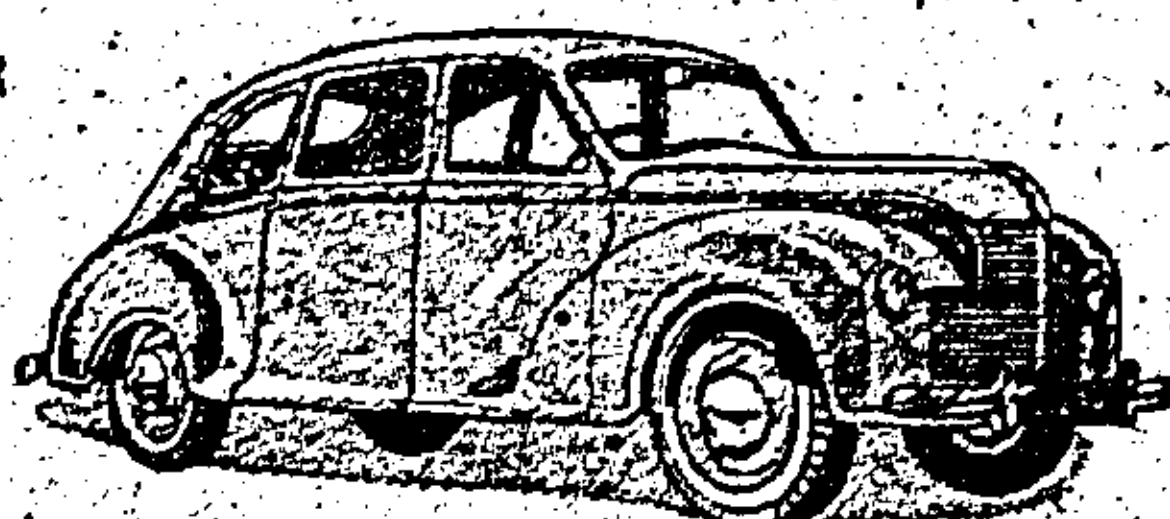
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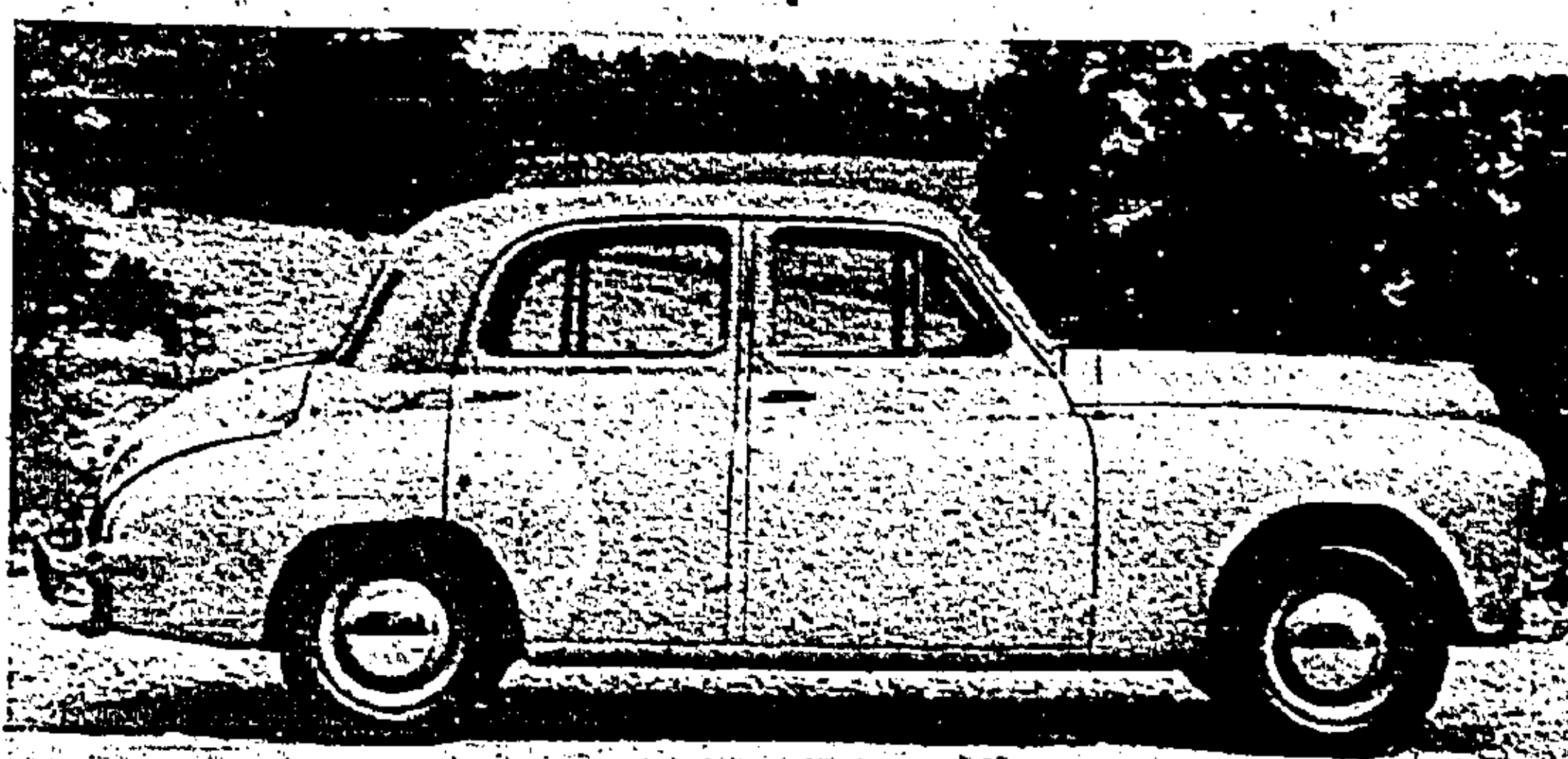
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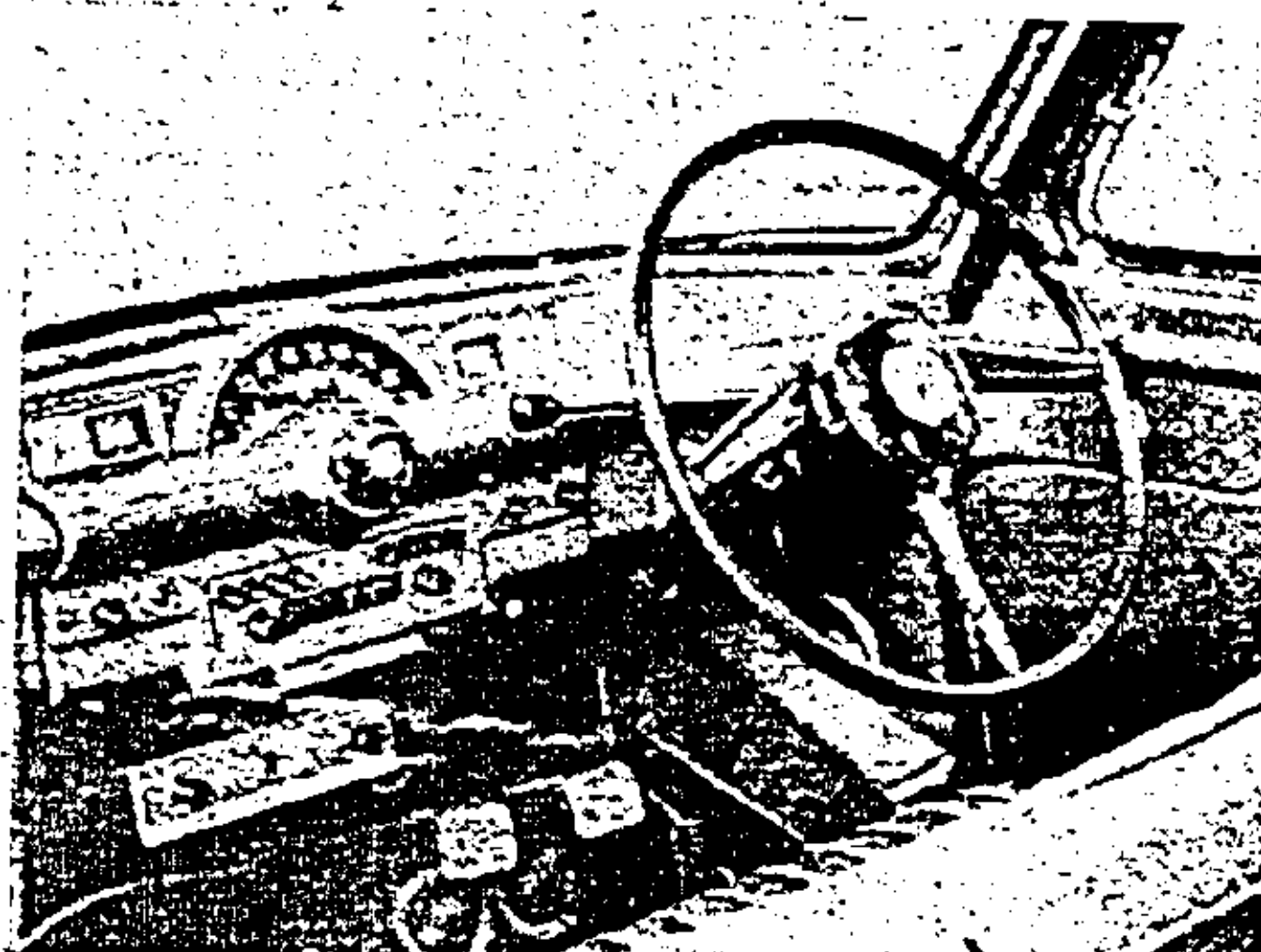


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## Excellent Performance By New Humber Hawk

By Our Motoring Editor

A joy to drive and a pleasure to behold is a fitting comment for the new Humber Hawk, which was tested by the "China Mail" this week

A family car with pronounced improvement in performance over former models, the Hawk, for which Gilman Motors are the local agents, is a car which brings out all the excellent features which have characterised British production in general, and that of the Rootes group in particular, since the end of the war.

The Hawk is a surprisingly powerful car, and its performance on the road leaves very little to be desired; in fact, there are times when the driver is made to believe he is handling a car of far greater power than is actually the case.

Possessing a four-cylinder 14 horse-power engine which does an average of 23 m.p.g., the Humber Hawk can attain a maximum speed of more than 70 miles an hour. Whatever the importance of maximum speed, there is no question of the place of acceleration as a factor in driving comfort on crowded roads, and in this respect the Humber Hawk does not let the motorist down.

### Acceleration Times

Acceleration times from 10 to 30 m.p.h. on top and third, respectively, are 11.1 and 7.4 seconds, while from 20 to 40 m.p.h. they are 11.3 and 8.2 seconds, and from 30 to 50 m.p.h., 13.1 and 12.4 seconds.

Figures, of course, are only one part of the story where car performance is concerned, and it should be added that the side-valve Hawk engine proved to be above average in the case of the Colony's poor petrol, in displaying a very creditable absence both of pinking and of running on.

Other good points noticed about the Hawk were a very ready

starting (thanks to automatic choke) and a notably quiet tick-over.

The new independent front suspension system proved very effective, while pitching was entirely absent. On corners, the Hawk handled well at normal speeds. The steering itself is of the low-gear variety, but entails very little effort on the part of the driver.

Of special significance in driving the Hawk is the Synchronomatic steering-column gear change, a well-known Rootes feature, which is a definite improvement over previous Humber models.

### Controls Well Placed

Other controls are also sensibly placed. The large, centrally-placed speedometer dial can be easily read, not only by the driver, but also by the passengers. Flanking the speedometer are a thermometer and fuel gauge, while, flanking them again, indicator lights are used in place of an oil gauge and ammeter.

Regarding vision, the Hawk also earns praise for the large curved rear window and the well-placed driving mirror. On the front door windows, hinged ventilating panels are used and are of the type which can be swung through an angle of more than 90 degrees, thus allowing the interior to be rapidly cooled after the car has been parked in the

sun on a hot day. This is a detail which will be particularly appreciated in Hong Kong.

So far as equipment is concerned, the owner of a Hawk is well provided with all the items expected on a car of this kind, including sun visors which can be swung round to shade the side windows as well as the screen, and an arrangement by which the interior lighting is interconnected with concealed switches operated by the front doors, so that the interior is illuminated whenever these doors are opened, irrespective of the position of the normal switch.

To sum up, the Hawk may be said to represent a much livelier model than its predecessor and one which will appeal to the family or professional owner who requires good accommodation and attractive appearance in the modern style, coupled with reasonable performance and economy of operation.

### ORGANISATION OF RALLY

Paris, October 14.  
The International Automobile Federation has appointed a Commission to study the organising of a rally which is expected to take place at the end of next year.

The Commission will be composed of members from Britain, France, Belgium and Italy, each country to nominate its own delegates.

No definite date has been fixed for the first meeting of the Commission, but the French Automobile Club told Reuter that it will start work very shortly. —Reuter.

## You Should Know This!

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Fit new spark plugs if the present set has been in use for more than 10,000 miles.

Check the ignition timing and ensure that the automatic advance mechanism is operating.

Have the working pressure of the fuel pump (where fitted) checked.

See that the slow running mixture screw is properly adjusted.

Adjust the throttle stop to give slowest possible idling.

Examine the choke or starting device and see that it frees properly.

See that the air cleaner element (where fitted) is clean.

See that the jet settings are as recommended by the manufacturers.

Have the wheel alignment checked.

See that the hubs are properly greased.

Ensure that the brakes do not rub when "off."

Grease and service the car generally and ensure correct grades of lubricants are in engine, gearbox and rear axle.

THE LEAKY TAP  
As distinct from economies in actual fuel consumption there are causes of fuel wastage which can be aptly termed the "leaky tap."

They are—the leaking tap itself, leaking unions, leaking drain plugs and seams in the fuel tank, defective pump diaphragm, puffed carburettor float, careless filling and unnecessary idling.

(From The Hong Kong Automobile Association's Handbook For Motorists.)

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## Popularity Of Cords Piston Rings

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### U.S. TYRE FINANCES

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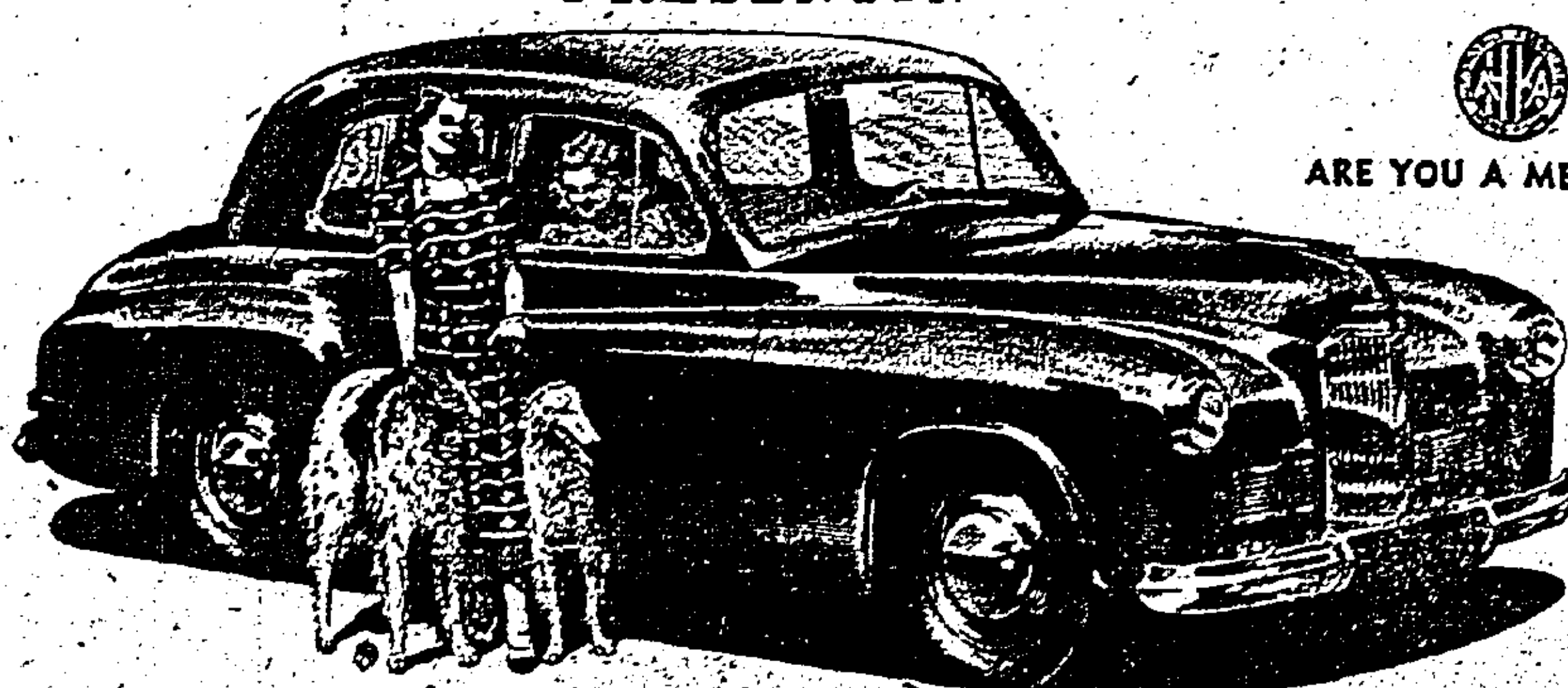
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## Tito's "Brotherhood" Road



Across Yugoslavia's fertile farmlands the youth of the country has toiled to complete a beeline highway linking the capital, Belgrade, with the second city, Zagreb. It is called the "Unity of Brotherhood" road because it will tie more closely the twin peoples of Serbia and Croatia. Most of the road has been handbuilt since up to now Marshal Josip Tito has lacked the necessary construction equipment to get the project through on time. To meet his late November deadline, Tito has supplied the shovels, while the sweat was supplied by Youth Brigade workers who laboured through their summer holidays without pay. Many Yugoslav servicemen have been detailed to help out too. Photo shows grim faced men and women marching to work on the highway, carrying their shovels. (AP Photo).

## BLUNT YUGOSLAV NOTE ACCUSES BULGARIANS

Belgrade, October 13.

### Plan To Fight Crime In Air

A plan to fight "crime in the air" by closer international police co-operation was adopted by the 18th Congress of the International Commission of Criminal Police, which closed here today. Delegates from 34 countries, including the United States, unanimously adopted a resolution calling for the suppression of "inhuman and illegal" police methods. Methods to eliminate air traffic in drugs and to stop criminals who seek to escape by plane are now being perfected. The Congress also agreed to draw up a new plan for the extradition of criminals. When ready, this plan will be submitted for approval to the United Nations. It was decided that next June the world's leading currency experts should meet at The Hague to discuss counterfeiting. The next Congress will be held at The Hague in 1950. —Reuter.

### TRAIN CRASHES OVER BRIDGE

Ancona, October 12. Three railwaymen were killed and several passengers injured when the brakes of a train crashed over a bridge, which was swept away by floods, at San Vito, near here. Widespread floods caused by torrential rains along the Bagnoli and Moro rivers caused the collapse of several other bridges in the Ancona area. A driver was seriously injured when a bridge collapsed as his truck was crossing and plunged him into the torrent. At Chieti, many families were rescued from floods by fire squads. —Reuter.

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Opposite the station was a mammoth chunk of neon lighting which spanned Virginia street, known as the Main Drag. It said in piercing electricity: "Reno, the biggest little city in the world." I decided to walk to the Mapes Hotel and have my bags sent on. Along Virginia street I strolled, keeping a firm grip on myself. The signs said: "Harold's Club," "Nevada Club," "Harrah's Club," "Bingo," "Dining," "Dancing."

### Everything Open

Everything club was open, every club was crowded, every club resounded with the crash of slot (fruit) machines, the clink of silver dollars, the click of dice, the chant of the croupiers.

Eight o'clock in the morning and Reno was doing brisk business in craps, roulette, poker, pool, blackjack, chuck-a-luck. The big, glossy, mirrored bars—every gambling club has a bar—were serving whiskey, soups, Scotch, and bourbon highballs, Manhattans and Martinis, straight slugs of liquor, glasses of beer. The gamblers and the tourists, dressed Western style in rakish Stetsons, jeans, high-heeled cow-

boy boots, red and yellow shirts, slipped their drinks, gambled, smoked cigarettes, gambled, peered at the gaming tables or the slot machines, gambled.

Money was piled high in neat patterns on the green cloth. I said to a man who was cascading silver dollars into his jacket pockets: "They open early, eh?" The man said: "They never close."

### Hotel's Casino

At the hotel as I signed the register the noise of the slot machines rang in my ear.

I thought it was merely an echo, but there, off the lobby, was the hotel's casino, stacked with the metal machines and the gaming tables.

Along the corridor of the seventh floor "Don't disturb" signs were hung on door handles. The bell boy said: "People been up all night—they rest up during the day. At least some do."

In my modest bedroom a sign on the dresser said: "No cheques cashed."

I looked out of the window and saw an anchored blimp against the blue sky. The sign on its silver side said: "Harold's Club."

A stage coach rattled past outside. On the door was painted "Harold's Club or Bust."

That was my introduction to Reno.

I am not sure that I have quite recovered from it yet. I have been in wide open towns before, but Reno has no doors. Everything is permitted. Nothing is barred.

This city of only 30,000 people lives on gambling and divorce.

It is the blatant legalised gambling which hits you first.

### Quiet Business

The divorce business is not visible or obvious. It has to be ferreted out of the respectable stone Washoe County Court House.

It would be possible to stay in Reno and never know that it was the world capital of divorce—the great separation centre.

There are an exceptional number of unescorted women hanging around "bachelor" bars and clubs, but there are an exceptional number of unescorted women in many American cities.

Questions about gambling are answered readily and without embarrassment, but questions about divorce are often parried. When you ask the locals about divorce, they are inclined to answer that this is a marrying town rather than a divorce town.

The man who took me on a sightseeing tour said eagerly: "I could get you a marriage licence in 10 minutes if you want one," and when I said, "Not today, thank you," he seemed disappointed.

### Any Excuse?

Last year 6,452 divorces were granted in Reno's Court House; 24,354 marriages were legalised.

Nevada grants divorces for any trivial offence if the plaintiff can show that she or he (usually she) has stayed six weeks here. Extreme cruelty, "mental in nature," such as failing to kiss the little wife "Good Morning," is a good enough excuse.

I have discovered also that divorce is not such an expensive hobby in Reno as we have all been led to believe.

There are the wealthy divorcees who stay at the dude ranches a few miles from the town and spend 3,000 to 4,000 dollars on a divorce, hiring batteries of lawyers for no particular reason, but the great mass of divorcees can be put through for 500 or 600 dollars.

Many of the waitresses and some of the "shills" who serve as come-ons to gamblers are earning their divorces the hard way, amassing enough dollars by work to pay the lawyers.

The lawyers are the leeches of this town. There are more than 200 of them, and nearly all are prosperous.

Not everyone in this town where everything is permitted is, of course, a gambler or a divorcee. The majority are as you and I. They work at the accepted trades and professions for a living.

The newspapermen, the typists, the shopgirls, the clerks, the bus drivers, the mechanics rarely go down to Reno. They live in the near the gaming houses. They don't drop in at the Court House (except the reporters carrying a Social Register or Who's Who to track down a name or two).

They are proud of their handsome, tree-lined, prosperous little town. They will rush to its defence in a minute.

### Whistle Halt

The local newspaper, the "Nevada State News," which has a flattering front-page story on my mission, rarely touches divorce or gambling stories.

The paper might be printed in Leeds or Birmingham as far as the local honky-tonks and hoop-la are concerned.

Yet the truth is that all these people who don't gamble and who are not employed by the gambling houses or the divorce sharks to some extent owe their incomes to the twin big businesses of gambling and divorce. Without these twin Reno would be without world fame (ill-fame) or fortune. It would be just a little Nevada town, maybe a whistle halt, but nothing more.

Footnote: Reno? Oh, no!

## UN Decision On Church Trials

Lake Success, October 13.

The United Nations' special Political Committee voted overwhelmingly today to recommend that the General Assembly send the issue of the Balkan church trials to the International Court of Justice for an advisory opinion.

The Committee expressed a mild rebuke to Russia and her Balkan partners—Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary—for their refusal to arbitrate under the Balkan peace treaties. Western charges that the prosecution of Cardinal Mindszenty and other Church leaders constituted a violation of human rights.

It voted in favour of a resolution introduced by the United States, Bolivia and Canada, 41 to five. Yugoslavia did not vote with the Soviet bloc against the resolution but abstained along with France and Israel among others.

The United States and Britain contend that the three Balkan countries, with the support of Russia, violated their peace treaties by refusing to put into operation arbitration machinery established in those pacts for the settlement of disputes.

The Balkan countries, with Russia as their UN spokesman, contend that no dispute exists under the meaning of the treaties. The resolution sent to the Assembly by the Committee asks the International Court to decide four questions.

1. Do the diplomatic exchanges concerning the church trials, passed between Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania and the Western powers, disclose that the disputes are subject to the provisions of the peace treaties?

2. If so, are Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania obligated to submit the disputes to arbitration in the manner provided in the treaties?

3. If one party fails to appoint a representative to the Treaty Commission to consider the dispute, is the Secretary-General of the United Nations empowered, under the pacts, to appoint a neutral third member?

4. Does the world treaty commission, comprising a representative of one side and a neutral appointed by the UN Secretary-General, constitute a legal group to decide disputes within the meaning of the treaties?

## BELGRADE ACCUSES ALBANIA

Belgrade, October 14.

Yugoslavia reported today that Albanian soldiers shot in the back and killed one of Tito's border patrolmen four days ago. The Yugoslav Ministry of Foreign Affairs sent a formal protest to the Albanian Government in Belgrade demanding the killing of a calculated and criminal murder.

Tito himself is presiding over the Foreign Ministry in the absence of the Foreign Minister, Edvard Kardelj, who is in New York attending the UN General Assembly.

Bluntly the note charged Albania with pursuing an "adventurous policy" despite all protests and warnings from the Yugoslav Government, and despite the fact that it is against the interests of the Albanian people.

The note said that the killing was committed from ambush. It added that "this criminal murder, intentionally committed, brings to light the non-peace loving and hostile character of the Albanian Government."

It reminded Albania that Yugoslavia more than a month ago sought without success the formation of a joint commission to investigate and prevent border incidents.

There have been a number of them since the Cominform 17 months ago began its attempt to unsettle Tito. They have occurred not only on the Albanian frontier but all along Yugoslavia's borders with its Balkan neighbours. —Associated Press.

### Six Charges

Among the charges it made were:

- 1—Provoking border incidents and shootings.
- 2—Attempting to revive old hatreds.
- 3—Helping Yugoslav traitors.
- 4—Issuing "insulting provocations."
- 5—Conducting a campaign of slanders and lies.
- 6—Breaking off of economic agreements with Yugoslavia.

The note said that Bulgaria must accept exclusive responsibility for any results from its action in denouncing the friendship treaty.

### Czech Manoeuvre

Meanwhile, Czechoslovakia has committed herself to fighting Yugoslavia for the second "Glas bloc" seat on the UN Security Council.

In a precedent-setting move, the Czech Government sent formal notes "for the record" telling all UN diplomatic missions in Prague that she will stand for election.

Czech officials disclosed the tactics today.

There is an unwritten understanding among the big powers at the United Nations that Security Council representation should be apportioned roughly on a regional basis.

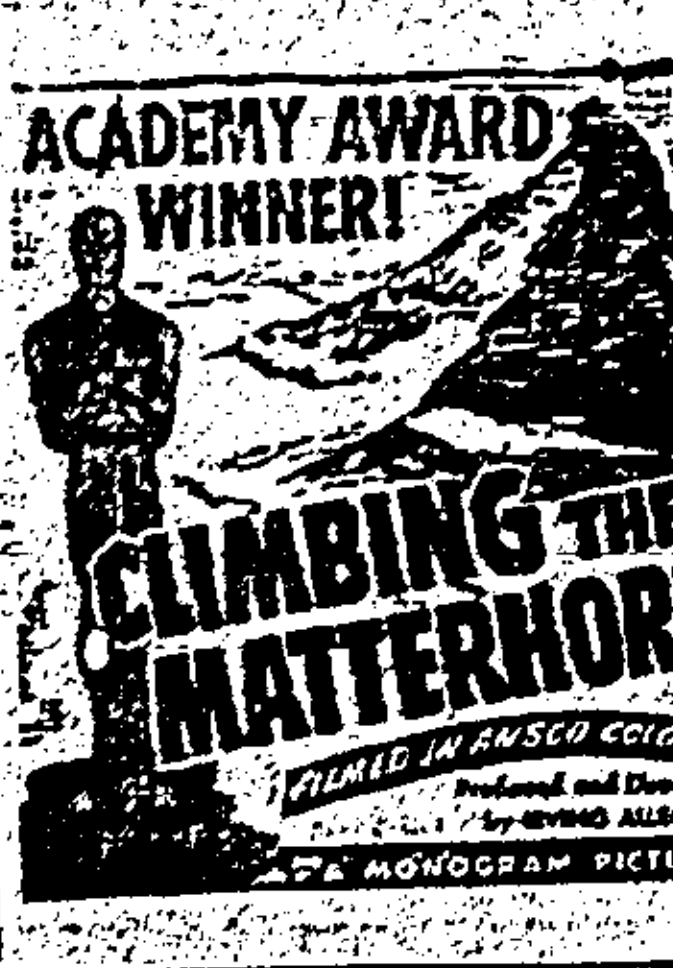
This, up until this year, Russia has always had at least one supporter in Security Council debates.

### Widening Split

Russia's current companion in the Council is the Ukraine, whose two-year term is expiring.

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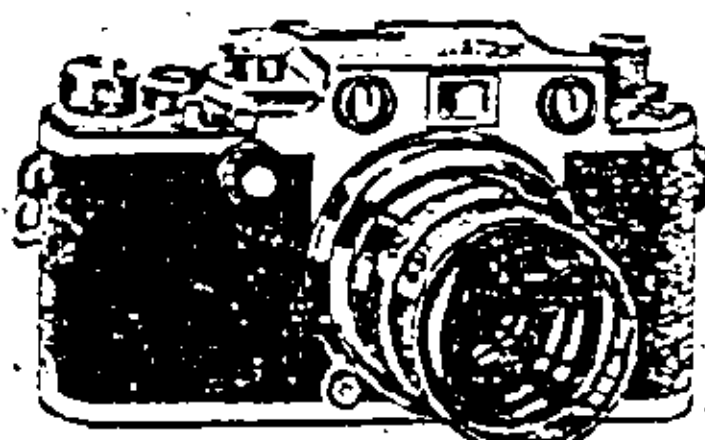
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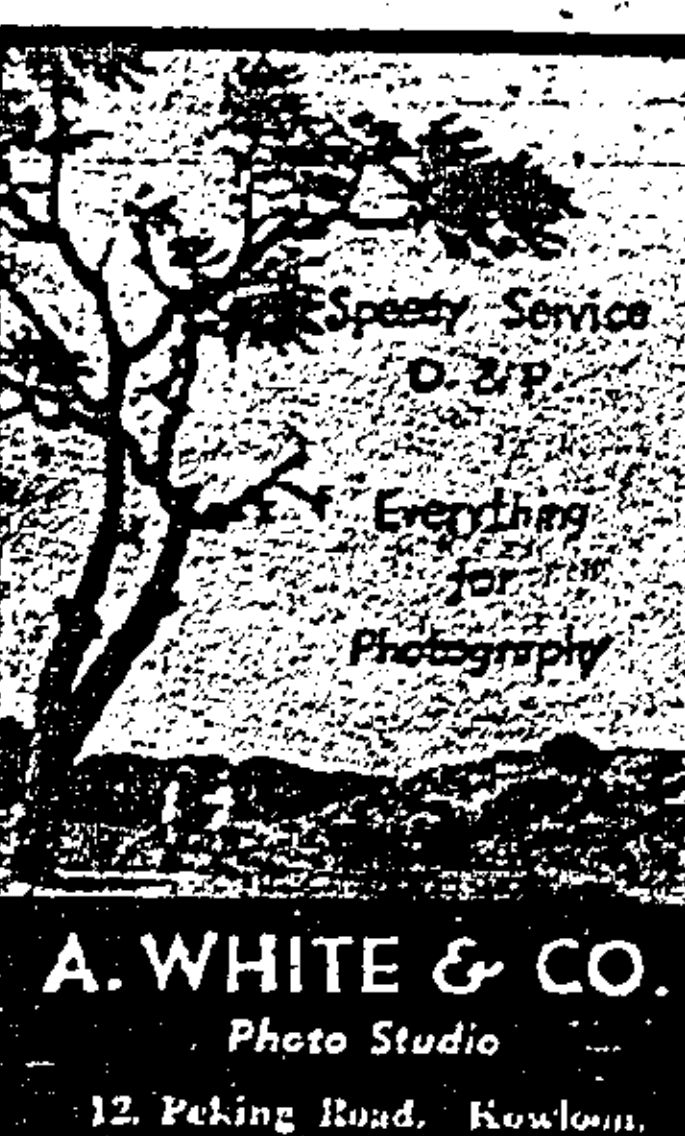
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# MR. NEHRU CONFERS WITH MR. ACHESON

Washington, October 13.

The State Department announced that the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, and the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, had a wide, general exchange of views during their 50-minute conference here today.  
No joint communique was issued, but a State Department spokesman said after the meeting: "There was a general exchange of views on questions of common interest ranging over a broad field of topics."

"It was not the purpose of the meeting to reach decisions on any of these questions and none was reached."  
The spokesman refused to give any specific details of the topics discussed and added: "I think you could characterize the

meeting by saying that they merely explored each other's minds."

He added that the best indication of the subjects discussed was the members of the State Department who were present during the talks.

These were: Mr. Roy Henderson, United States Ambassador to India; Mr. Willard Thorp, Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs; Mr. George McGhee, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and African Affairs; Mr. Philip Jessup, Ambassador-at-Large and Director of Chinese Policy; Mr. George Kennan, Counselor and Director of the Policy Planning Staff; and Mr. Albert Matthews, Director of the Office of Southern Asian Affairs.

With Mr. Nehru were the Indian Ambassador, Mrs. Pandit, and Sir Jirja Shankar Bajpai, Secretary-General of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs.

## Sees Truman

The Prime Minister and his party, and Mr. Acheson, left the State Department immediately after the meeting and went to the White House for a conference with President Truman.

Mr. Nehru's meeting with Mr. Acheson lasted just under an hour.

On leaving the State Department he posed briefly for photographers and continued on to the White House where he, Mrs. Pandit, Sir Jirja and Mr. Acheson were to meet President Truman. President Truman at his press conference today described Pandit Nehru as a fine public servant.

Referring to Mr. Nehru's official call on him, the President said that this was just an official call and that no specific subject had been fixed for discussion.  
An official welcome to New York will await Pandit Nehru at the City Hall at noon on Monday when he arrives from Washington at about 10 a.m.

**At Hyde Park**  
In the afternoon Pandit Nehru will be the guest of honour at a reception given by Sir Benegal N. Rau, India's permanent representative to the United Nations. The Indian Premier will later attend a dinner at Columbia University.

On Tuesday he will be the guest of the Overseas Press Club at a luncheon.  
He will be the guest of honour on Wednesday night at a dinner given jointly by the Foreign Policy Association, the India League, the East and West Association and the Institute of Public Relations.

Before his arrival here, the Indian Premier will be the guest on Sunday of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, widow of the late President, at her home at Hyde Park, New York.  
While there, he will place a wreath on President Roosevelt's grave.—Reuter.



PANDIT NEHRU

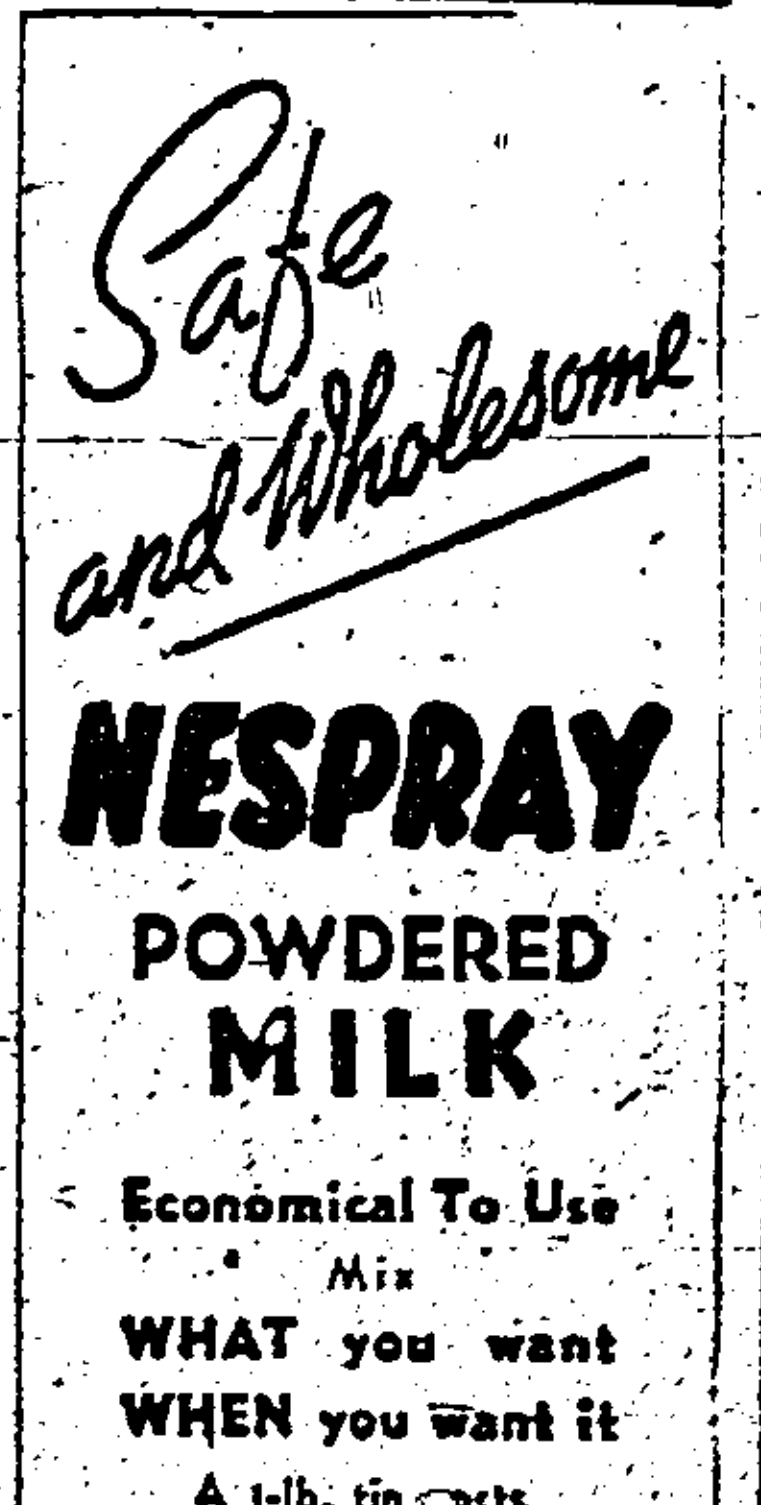
## LOOTING ORGY IN BOMBAY

Bombay, October 14.  
Armed police pickets and radio equipped police vans patrolled Bombay tonight, following four cases of looting. Grocers' shops were entered by crowds, protesting against the scarcity and abnormally high prices of sugar and salt.  
In a Northern suburb of Bombay, the police opened fire to disperse a crowd which pelted stones at shops and threatened to loot their stocks of sugar, salt and other goods.  
Two people were killed and three injured as a result of the firing. Mob violence followed a week of acute scarcity of sugar and a series of demonstrations by housewives. Sporadic periods of scarcity and resultant hoarding and profiteering involving sugar, salt and other goods have been reported from Calcutta, Delhi, Madras and other parts of India this month.

Sugar dealers said that though sugar production had fallen in India this shortage was not serious enough to account for the acute scarcity experienced throughout the country. Official sources attributed the shortage of salt and other goods to "inspired rumours." They said that production and supply were plentiful.—Reuter.



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## A War With Russia Would Be Long One

Washington, October 13.  
Admiral R. A. Spruance, retired head of the United States Naval War College, said today that no future war with Russia could be won quickly or by the atom bomb alone.

He told the House of Representatives Armed Services

Committee that the principal aim of the United States in a war with Russia would be the overthrow of the dictatorship ruling the Communist sphere.

He said that it would be essential to "establish our front line on the enemy's continent."

His statement was made as the Navy was winding up its case against the United States emphasis on the Air Force's B-36 inter-continental bomber, which is designed to deliver atom bombs.—Reuter.

servants to be paid (at improved rates) only if they are judged acceptable to the regime.

The new minister will be empowered to fill vacant parishes. He can dismiss unwelcome priests and install clergymen regarded as reliable.

The new laws are due to become effective on November 1 when the Archbishop and Bishops themselves will become legally dependent on the Government for their appointments and their incomes.—Reuter.

## PRIESTS SENT TO CAMPS

Prague, October 13.  
Authoritative Church sources estimated today that about 300 Catholic priests had so far been arrested in Czechoslovakia for their opposition to the State's new Church law.

The latest reports from various districts showed that priests marked down as "incapacitated" were being sent to camps to "corrective labour."

Private but first-hand sources at the same time reported incidents indicating that considerable pressure was being brought to bear on the Catholic clergy to persuade them to acquiesce in the Government's plans.

These reports said that priests were being threatened with destitution. Arrests were continuing and violence was being used in some cases, these reports asserted.

The new Church measures proposed by the State include the establishment of a Department of State to administer Church affairs. This will have control of all Church property.

All priests will become civil

# FASTER TRAIN SERVICES IN EUROPE

Brighton, October 13.

Faster and more convenient express train services across Europe were announced by railway chiefs from 20 nations here tonight.  
There will be more through coaches and speedier international connections, but few additional trains because Europe is still short of rolling stock as a result of the war.

These results of the eight-day European Railway Time Table Conference were revealed at a press conference here today.

One of the biggest improvements is a 24-hour cut in the travelling time between London and Istanbul by the Simplon-Orient Express. From next May, when European summer time tables take effect, this journey can be made in 84 hours, against the 108 hours it takes today. But this is still 12 hours more than the pre-war time for the 2,178-mile trip.

The travelling time from Paris to Belgrade on the Simplon-Orient Express will be cut by about 12 hours.

Other achievements of the Conference:

A new daily train in July, August and early September from Bologna to Coire (Switzerland), connecting with a special new service leaving London at 4.30 in the afternoon.

A speed-up of the Ariberg-Orient Express by one hour in each direction between Paris and Vienna.

A speed-up of the Scandinavia-

Switzerland-Italy Express, by more than two hours in each direction between Milan and Rome.

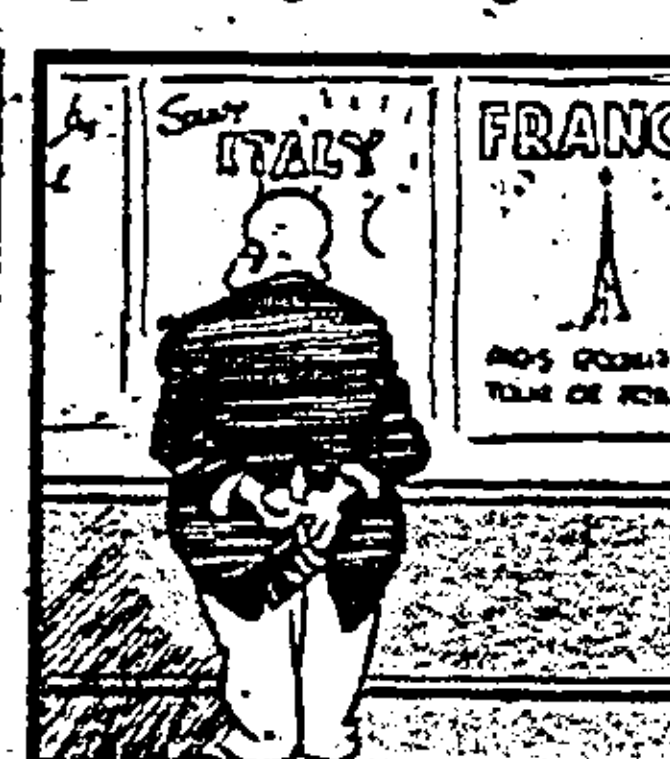
A second connection between Scandinavia and Italy, with through coaches from Copenhagen to Venice.

The service provides for departure from Copenhagen in the evenings and arrival in Milan at about one o'clock in the afternoon on the third day.

The day service between Amsterdam and Basel will be considerably accelerated. New through services have been arranged for the Holy Year (1950) celebrations to link Belgium and Holland with Rome.

The travelling time between Paris and Rome has been cut to less than 24 hours by speeding up the express service via Modena. The Ostend-Prague and Ostend-Vienna sections of the Orient Express have been speeded up by three hours through a reorganisation of customs and Belgian frontier control. The Orient Express will now convey third-class coaches along the entire route.—Reuter.

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# COMPROMISE PLAN AT HAGUE TALKS

The Hague, October 13.

Dutch and Indonesian negotiators are today studying three compromise proposals to solve the Indonesian national debt deadlock, reported to be delaying progress in the round-table conference here on the future of Indonesia.

Two of the proposals submitted in the form of alternatives came from Indonesian delegates and one from the Dutch.

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JAVA PORTS and MACASSAR		
	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TIBADAK"	15th Oct.	In Port
"TUTJALENKA"	30th Oct.	28th Oct.
MANILA		
	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"BOISSEVAIN"	8th Nov.	23rd Oct.
"STRAAT SOENDA"	30th Nov.	18th Nov.
"TEGELBERG"	28th Dec.	8th Dec.
"TJIKAMPEK"	25th Jan.	

\* No passenger accommodation available.

SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI		
	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"VAN HEUTSZ"	19th Oct.	In Port
"VAN HEUTSZ"	16th Nov.	13th Nov.
EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA		
	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"BOISSEVAIN"	8th Nov.	23rd Oct.
"STRAAT SOENDA"	30th Nov.	18th Nov.
"TEGELBERG"	28th Dec.	8th Dec.
"TJIKAMPEK"	25th Jan.	

Calling at Mombasa & L. Marques direct.  
Transhipment cargo accepted on through B's/L to  
Dar-Es-Salaam and Zanzibar.

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JAPAN		
	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"STRAAT SOENDA"	24th Oct.	3rd Nov.
"TEGELBERG"	20th Nov.	2nd Dec.
"TJIKAMPEK"	10th Dec.	

\* No passenger accommodation available.

## Agents: HOLLAND—EAST ASIA LINE EUROPE via MANILA and MALAYA

	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"MOLENERK"	14th Nov.	19th Oct.
"MEERKERK"	Early Dec.	Early Nov.

Transshipment cargo accepted on through B's/L to India,  
Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

JAPAN		
	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"MOLENERK"	23rd Oct.	13th Nov.
"MEERKERK"	Early Nov.	Early Dec.

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CHINESE AGENTS: 82, CONNAUGHT RD. C. TELS: 31196-25133

# DE LA RAMA LINES

ARRIVING FROM U.S. ATLANTIC COAST  
VIA LOS ANGELES & SAN FRANCISCO  
s.s. "DONA AURORA" ..... 18th Oct.  
m.v. "DONA NATI" ..... Early Nov.

SAILING FOR U.S. ATLANTIC COAST  
VIA SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES  
s.s. "DONA AURORA" (Calls Japan) ..... Early Nov.  
m.v. "DONA NATI" (Calls Japan) ..... Late Nov.

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"PIONEER LAND"	In Port	
"PIONEER WAVE"	Oct. 18	
"PIONEER LAKE"	Oct. 29	

SAILING TO MANILA		
"PIONEER LAND"	Oct. 15	
"PIONEER WAVE"	Oct. 19	
"PIONEER LAKE"	Oct. 30	

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BALTIMORE, PHILADELPHIA via  
JAPAN & PANAMA CANAL

"PIONEER LAND"	Arr. Oct. 22	Sail Oct. 24
"PIONEER WAVE"	Oct. 28	Oct. 31
"PIONEER LAKE"	Nov. 8	Nov. 10
"PIONEER SEA"	Nov. 29	Dec. 1

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# FINANCE AND COMMERCE

## 'EXTRAVAGANCES' IN THE STERLING AREA

### Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The Market during the week has suffered from neglect, and what few buyers have been around have had things very much their own way and prices have again drifted down. Towards the close, however, things have slightly improved and a more confident air has set in. Whether or not this will be maintained is in the lap of the gods, but there does seem to be a feeling of relief at the highly probable fall of Canton or that that city is on the point of being "handed over".

H.K. GOVT. LOANS  
4% Loan 1948  
5% Loan (1944 & 1945) 1948  
5% Loan (1948) 1948, 1949, 1950  
plus interest

BANKS  
H.K. & S. Bank 1400b, 1400a  
(Loan Rec.) 285/100  
Chartered Bank 210 3/16  
Merrill Lynch Bank A. & L. 225a  
Bank of East Asia 100a

INSURANCES  
Canton Ins. 210b  
Union Ins. 240b  
China Underwriters 21a  
H.K. Fire Ins. 21b

SHIPPING  
Douglas 260a  
H.K. & S. Steamships 11a  
Indo China (Ref.) 27 1/2  
(Det.) 260  
Shells (Beater) 68/9a  
Union Waterways 22a

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, Etc.  
H.K. & S. Wharves 100a  
North Point Wharves 5 1/2  
Shanghai Hongkong Wharves 14a  
H.K. Docks 15 1/2, 15 1/2a  
China Docks 11 1/2a  
Shanghai Dockyards 6a  
Wharves 24b

MINING  
Ranch Mines 100a  
H.K. Mines 61 1/2a  
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.  
H. & S. Hotels 10b, 9/10/11a  
Shanghai Hotels 180b  
Raffles 7a  
H.K. Hotels 140a  
Chinese Hotels 140a

PUBLIC UTILITIES  
H.K. Tramways 140b, 141a, 141/150a  
Peak Tram (Old) 15a  
(New) 10a  
Star Ferry 65a  
C. Lights (Old) 1150b, 10/10/110a  
(New) 830b, 7/7a, 7/8/110a

H.K. Electric 29 1/2, 28 1/2/29 1/2a  
Macao Electric 21 1/2a  
Sankian Lights 8 1/2a  
Telephone 15 1/2, 15 1/2a  
Shanghai Gas 2a

INDUSTRIALS  
Cold. Macc. (Ord.) 22 1/2a  
Can. on Ice 15 1/2a  
Cement 14 1/2, 14 1/2a  
H.K. Ropes 13a, 13a  
(New) 10a

STORES, Etc.  
Dairy Farms 17 1/2a  
Watsons 40 1/2, 39 1/2/41a  
L. Crawford 15a  
Sincere X.D. 4 1/2a  
China Esplanade 8a  
Sun Co. Ltd. 2 1/2a  
Wing On (H.K.) 7a  
Wm. Powell Ltd. 9 1/2a

MISCELLANEOUS  
China Entertainment 11a  
H.K. Constructions (Old) 230a  
(New) 2a  
Vibro Pillars 15a  
Marman Investments 9 1/2a  
Marman (H.K.) 2a  
Shanghai Loan 130a  
Yankees 270a

COTTONS  
Ewos 190b

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The prices of British goods will merely be driven up by increased demand from the Sterling Area and other soft currency countries, he stated.

Yet Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said yesterday that he had talked no business at all with Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, last week-end.

Smiling that India, Pakistan and South Africa imported three (in volume) from the United States and Canada in 1948 as in 1938, the financial editor added:

"There were similar increases by Malaya and Ceylon, though in absolute size they were less important."

He observed that the increase in imports from North America was not due to any general shortage of supplies from Britain, as often supposed.

"There was, in fact, a large increase in imports from the United Kingdom after allowing for the rise in prices, imports from Britain to all the Sterling Area countries were little short of double the pre-war volume."

"Moreover, the increases occurred in much the same commodity groups as the expansion of imports from the United States."

After tabulating the value of imports by certain Sterling Area countries from the United States and from Britain during 1938 and 1948, the financial editor said:

"India and Pakistan benefited from a more than three-fold rise in their export prices."

"These countries were able to finance a vast increase in dollar imports without a proportionate increase in the volume of exports, but the temptation to buy still more proved so great that the pre-war surplus with North America was turned into a deficit."

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## New York Stock Exchange

New York, October 13.  
A swift forward surge in the stock market today was cut back by stiff selling resistance. There was only a small net gain at the close. Transfers, 1,790,000—the highest this year; 123 gained new highs for the year. A proposal calling for John L. Lewis to add 10 to 25 cents to the price of coal as his price for ending the coal strike dampened the buying spirit in Wall Street. Among gainers were Admiral Corporation, Hilton Hotels, Steel Oil, Allied Chemical, Zenith Radio, McIntyre Potpourri and Texas Company.

Among losers were Graham Paige, Santa Fe, American Airlines, Dow Chemical and Paramount, Benguet Consolidated.

Dow Jones averages:  
Stock 36.88  
20 Industrials 186.72  
15 Rails 49.63  
10 Utilities 38.05  
Closing quotations:  
Adams Express 21 1/2  
Alaska Juneau 3 1/2  
American Can 38  
American Smelting 47 1/2  
American Telephone 143 1/2  
American Tobacco 73 1/2  
American Waterworks 74 1/2  
Anaconda Copper 28 1/2  
Aviation Corp. 5 1/2  
Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/2  
Barnsdall 5 1/2  
Bethlehem Steel 29 1/2  
Boeing Aircraft 21  
Borden Co. 48 1/2  
Canadian Pacific 133 1/2  
J. I. Case 33 1/2  
Chrysler 53 1/2  
Colgate 41 1/2  
Commercial Solvents 17 1/2  
Corn Products 64  
Du Pont 54 1/2  
Eastman Kodak 43 1/2  
General Electric 38  
General Motors 65 1/2  
Goodrich 63 1/2  
Goodyear 40 1/2  
Homestake Mining 46 1/2  
International Harvester 27  
International Paper 63 1/2  
International Tel. & Tel. 9 1/2  
Johns Manville 42 1/2  
Kennebec Copper 47 1/2  
Montgomery Ward 51 1/2  
National Liskiller 21  
National Lead 32 1/2  
New York Central 10 1/2  
Packard Motors 4  
Pan American Airways 9  
Pennsylvania R.R. 14 1/2  
Radio Corp. 12 1/2  
Remington Rand 10 1/2  
Republic Steel 21 1/2  
Reynolds Tobacco 39 1/2  
Schenley 29 1/2  
Sears Roebuck 42 1/2  
Shell Oil 38 1/2  
Socony Vacuum 16 1/2  
Southern Pacific 44 1/2  
Standard Brands 22  
Standard Oil of Calif. 69  
Standard Oil of N.J. 72 1/2  
Studebaker 25  
Union Bag 26 1/2  
Union Carbide 40 1/2  
U.S. Rubber 23 1/2  
U.S. Lines 15 1/2  
Westinghouse 27 1/2  
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 68 1/2  
Gen. Pub. Utilities 15 1/2  
Associated Press.

## Deficit In U.S. Treasury

Washington, October 13.  
The fifteenth week of the new fiscal year ends today with the Government spending at a dizzy rate which ensures a huge deficit.

The Government has cost taxpayers more than US\$12,000,000,000 in the past 15 weeks. The Treasury is about US\$2,000,000,000 in the red for the fiscal year so far despite the labour of taxpayers who are paying a greater sum into the Treasury in this fiscal year than in the corresponding period of a year ago.

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TO HONOLULU & SAN FRANCISCO  
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"President Pierce" ..... Arr. Nov. 8 Sails Nov. 9

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PORT SAID, ALEXANDRIA, NAPLES, MARSEILLES,  
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"President Polk" ..... Arr. Oct. 20 Sails Oct. 21  
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"BENVENUE" ..... do 27th Oct.  
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